

**Much Early History Revealed
In This "1886" Booklet**

- More serious historians will be pleased to get a number of questions answered. Such as: When did the railway actually start? — Who originated the scheme and just who formed the "headless" company that first year of dismal failure? — Did the railway run north of town? — How much did the Mun. and Town agree to pay? — How come the sum was upped \$25,000 in some mysterious way. — Who got the \$25,000? Who won the election? — Who got all but one of the Sandy Bay vote? — Who got the majority of the white votes.
- Other interesting things are: How the "Age" got started in spite of opposition from the Hon. C. P. Brown. — Dining hall started at the station. — The great crop year, marred by lack of rain. — R. Galloway & Bro. move to new location on Morris; and soon thereafter there is a notice of dissolution of partnership. — Town Council resigns. — Liberals claim Conservatives spend hundreds of dollars on unnecessary ditching to entice votes. — Sir John A. Macdonald makes stop-over visit in Gladstone. — First binder with sheaf carrier arrives in town. — Brown's old mill leaves for Westbourne. — Doctor moves to Neepawa. — Anglicans plan for their first church bldg. — Roper Galloway gives Brown scathing rebukes. — How the post office came to be located in the town.
- The revelations regarding the settlement from the real early days, and the glimpse into the true characters of Brown and Moodie, give us much encouragement in our avowed hope of proving that he was not only a great editor for the day; the town's true champion, and worthy of much better remembrance than what was supplied by his detractors, Mr. Brown's henchmen in Gladstone. He states that his prime purpose in starting the "Age" was to "right some wrongs" over 12 years, not necessarily by the Conservatives, but explicitly by Brown's actions. The latter had come successfully thro' three previous elections with his well-organized local "clique" (as it is called), and for the first time faces the opposition of a very knowledgeable editor. The effects are apparent. Only the near total vote at Sandy Bay saves Brown from a trouncing. Two years later he does not chose to run.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, R.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

in the Early Ages

January
TO December **1886**

Dave Ward was born in Gladstone, the youngest member of the Jas. Ward family, some five years after their arrival here in 1899. He died some 55 years later.

He was, we think, the most talented of a highly gifted—and also a most "afflicted" family. All 7 boys were musically and/or mechanically gifted; and also endowed with the Yankee flair of self-assurance and independence of spirit.

Five were born with a diagnosis—defying bone disease (fractures resulted easily and the healing process was slow, or entirely absent). George, Jack, Jim, Tom and Dave were badly crippled with this ailment, but Dave worst of all. Jim had one bad leg; while Ed and "Hoosan" escaped entirely. The four girls did also.

George, the eldest, after suffering some seven fractures when becoming entangled in the belt of a sawing machine, soon after his sojourn in hospital and a convalescent period, opened a machine shop on Dennis St. (Later moving to Plumas where he resided, supporting himself until his later years). Then the father, almost totally incapacitated in another regrettable accident in the mill, moved into the same building and started a shoe repair shop. It was in the Ward family for some 40 years. It also turned out to be a popular spot and a "hang-out" for young, unattached males and town bums generally. Here you could hear the latest in ribald verse, unseemly jokes, etc. It was a "clearing house" in town for all such questionable forms of amusement. Practical jokes were performed on the unwary; and any "customer" that came too often and tarried too long, was almost certain to have his "favorite roost" wired for an unexpected and unpleasant jolt. When that method wore thin, one of the boys would think up something else. But that was just the "hard" side of the entertainment provided. Always there was a fiddle or a banjo setting close by and all dull moments were soon enlivened with music. Performing "guests" would play while two or three shoe-makers plied their trade. It was by all accounts the most "lively" place in town.

All the afflicted ones, Dave included, learned the trade; also one or more of its "sidelines" like saw-sharpening, second-hand shoes, skate-sharpening, and the many et ceteras that built up over the years, until the shop became a "Mr. Fix-It" place. But both Tom and Dave wearied early in life of this, and left for Wpg., Tom to make his living (and some fame) as a paper salesman on Portage Ave. near Eatons; (later in Vancouver), Dave operated a concession stand in the Corona Hotel off Main St. He also used his city base to

HE HELPED WITH THIS HISTORY



DAVID ARTEMUS WARD

up with the most astounding offer. "Rent me a typewriter and provide me with bus fare, and I'll do it for you, written, typed and everything." I also was to supply the paper. Some 2 years later I received the following letter:

Ste. 3, Shipley Apt.,
327 Fury St.,
Winnipeg.
Mar. 9, 1942.

Dear Art:

Well, my friend, I think this is about all I can do for you on scratching anything more out of Moodie's papers along the line you wanted me to follow. But I should think you would have enough from this to cover what you want. No doubt there are a few editorials left that might be interesting reading but the finances didn't permit the getting of them, so I had the young lady put the old books away for another long sleep.

So now, my friend, if there is

anything you want to know or

don't want to know, just drop me a line and I'll let you have it.

I remain, Yours, as ever,
DAVE.

He had covered not only the Moodie years from 1886 to 1890, but all the remaining years to, and including 1900. His two volumes include about 250 closely-typed standard-size sheets; and another 300 pages of writing. Much of the reading material in this booklet is from his efforts, so freely given.

What is that saying? . . . Great love hath no man . . .

((A couple of notes re the Wards, (ancient and new) can be added here. The log house they lived in, most, if not all their years in Gladstone, was located on the south side of 4th Street, where Mrs. Bokor's house now stands. It was torn down by Mr. Roy Kien in the late '40s, who built the present dwelling. Back in '91 it served for a few months as the home for the bulk of the McLenann family, who had come from Ontario to join Dan (1888), Neil, and John (J.L.K.), (1890), before they took over the Crowder farm 3 miles west, now owned by the Ernie Wicksteeds.

The "recent" happened just a year ago when we went to the "Bag" in Wpg. to purchase a special projector (for use in this history). The attractive young lady who helped us out, noticed Gladstone as the address on the sales slip, and asked, "My dad came from Gladstone; would you know of a Dave Ward?" It was nice after losing track of the wife and family after Dad died, to learn that all were happy, healthy & doing well. Later we sent in a picture taken of most of them in the early 1950s, and last fall they paid us a visit, saw the shop, and took back a history book. All's well that ends well.))

No wonder that a few faint-hearted observers keeled over as he performed his act. That episode, too, ended abruptly on a tour of the west, and it was while he was recuperating in the Brandon hospital from a severe fracture occurred when he broke his one good arm again, ending all hopes of furthering his musical career. Nor could he handle his little concession stand any longer. He returned to Gladstone for a few years in the early '30s and it was during this period we got to know the better side of Dave & his almost saint-like mother.

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His fiery, independent spirit flared up again, but this time with better results. Weary of accepting relief he put his severe handicaps to good use. He joined a circus and went on tour as "the rubber man." To see him perform was both amazing and horrifying. Because of his "run-knit" bones he was favored (?) with "extra joints," and with the muscles only holding everything in place, he could put one of his arms up, over and down his back like a loose piece of rope.

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Now comes the more unbelievable part. Knowing that a young editor who had started with only \$33.00 in his pocket (his share of paid-in-admiree subscriptions) wouldn't be in a position to pay much for such service, he came

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FRIDAY, JAN. 8th, 1886

((No Paper for Jan. 1st))

((Editorial)) . . .

The holidays passed over very quietly. Not even half a time to stir us up. Let us hope and work for it that the year we have just entered upon may set with brighter hopes fulfilled than those few years back. "Excell-sior" let our cry be. Ever upward, ever onward, battling with the wrong and daring to do right, and whether we take on our final sleep in affluence or poverty, we will not have lived in vain.

((Editorial)) . . .

Our town elections resulted in the election of three new councillors and Mr. Logie as mayor.

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Stormy weather has kept our returns back. We have heard from all places but one, which will very likely give Mr. Smalley a majority of 2 or 3. It has been a very close run.

We are sorry that Mr. West has been beaten. His record, while in the council, has been one of economy, though not parsimony, having the true interests of the county at heart. Being a farmer, he knew what the farmer had to contend with. As he himself said, he was not a speaker, but a worker. The electors might have borne that in mind and returned him to represent themselves. We think they should have remembered the old adage, "like draws to like." We do not disparage his opponent because of his not being a tiller of the soil. We hope to hear as good accounts of Mr. W. in his retirement as we heard of him when he acted as councillor and reeve at the county board with his fellows.

Mr. Smalley, the successful candidate for the reevehip, has been in the council since its inception. Being a merchant he has consequently a pretty wide acquaintanceship. He has any amount of ability to fill the chair creditably. We hope to see him act as earnestly as he intimated he would on nomination day, to get rid of the railway bonus either in whole or in part.

Mr. Newman, the radical member for the reevehip, as he called himself, did not poll many votes. Perhaps he was too late

in the field, or the county is not educated enough in radicalism.

((Editorial)) . . .

It is evidently the general wish that a deputation should be sent down to the govt. to show cause why we have petitioned them in the matter of the railway bonus, as our stand could be maintained better by word of mouth than by letter.

We would wish to nominate Mr. W. McKelvy as one of them, as we think he is pretty well posted in town affairs, and has busied himself in trying to rectify them. He has also the welfare of the county at heart, and would, we think, be thoroughly reliable.

Though not a member of the town council now, he is so much identified with its affairs that we consider the people would have a good champion in him. We hope he will be appointed, also be willing to accept for his fellow's sake, if not his own.

For the county we do not think we could have a better one than Mr. Smalley. He has been identified with the bonus all along, and though we cannot endorse his acting in being one to hand over the debentures at the beck of a needy company, when the conditions were not nearly complied with, without the consent of the people, still, for what he says himself, and from feeling the pulse of the people, he cannot but see that it is imperative that something has to be done. We have no doubt that he will work for our best interests in this matter. He is well known to the executive, and can argue his point and answer their objections as well as any we have in our midst. We believe in honoring his worth, even though we do not agree in many things with him.

If the figures are wanted or the books be needed to be gone over, we think Mr. Morton, our county treasurer, would be a most useful addition to the deputation.

While not believing in deputations, on account of their undue expense, still we are shut up to this one, as we require to do all in our power to get rid of the incubus that weighs us down in the shape of this railway bonus.

((Editorial)) . . .

Our comon, the Neepawa Register, is finding fault with the county of Westbourne for try-

ing to get rid of the railway bonus, claiming that Portage la Prairie is equally entitled being in the same position. We think it is too well known that the town of Portage did bonus the road, as well as ourselves, but we will have enough to do if we petition for our own country. The Portage is well able to speak for itself. Also, we think it would be a piece of impertinence to drag another party in without joint action. We have not heard of any such arrangement, therefore we have taken the initiative. And why have we petitioned to be relieved? Simply because of our necessity. Emeraon has compounded with its creditors. Portage is trying the same thing, and probably if the policy advocated by our friends of relieving the different embarrassed municipalities is adopted by the govt., Neepawa will be compelled to follow suit. We cannot object, in a measure, as we have all been trying to hold too much, without calculating our ability to do so.

It is easier asserting than proving that "the road would doubtless have been built if this bonus had not been granted." And how quickly was the work started when the provincial debentures were dangled before the eyes of the railway company? Wherefore? Because the company knew that the govt. would implement their promise, while they were dubious of the people to keep theirs, unaided by the govt.

If our friend had only known how heaven and earth were stirred, if not lower down, to start this railway, he would have been mighty chary of expressing such an opinion about the road being built without a bonus.

Also, where is the unfairness of asking consideration at the hands of the govt. for starting this line, alongwith the town of Portage, when the govt. was not able? Talk about fair play? That's what we are after, forsooth! The interest on the provincial debentures will soon fall due, and we along with the rest of the province, will have to pay our share, and our own debentures into the bargain. We did not expect Westbourne to receive such a double benefit as that, viz., in being saddled with our own debentures and our neighbor's interest as well. But we must not grumble, as this is perfectly fair! We do not seek any more than we are entitled to when we ask to be put on the same footing as the rest of the province in this matter of bonus.

NOMINATION DAY

A large attendance as usual of the electors both of town and county assembled in Andrews' Hall Tuesday week past, for the purpose of hearing the new aspirants for the offices of town

and county councillors air their views, and to hear the retiring members give an account of their stewardships. The town and county clerks respectively, in their capacity of returning officers, presided in turn.

Punctually at one o'clock Mr. Budge declared the following elected by acclamation: for Ward 1, A. Munro; Ward 3, Jas. Anderson; Ward 4, J. M. Jamieson; Ward 5, J. A. Broadfoot; while for Wards 1 and 6 there being respectively two candidates, viz., Messrs. Duncan McRae & John Morrison for Ward 1, and two for Ward 6, Mr. Nicholas McLean, the old councillor, and Mr. Jas. Lloyd; and for the reevehip the late reeve, Mr. West, and two new candidates, viz., Messrs. Smalley and T. Newman - he declared a poll was held last Tuesday, when Mr. Logie was elected with a majority of 13.

Thereafter Mr. Budge read a statement of the financial standing of the town, which showed it to be in a fairly prosperous condition if the figures on paper could only be realized. Thereafter the candidates for the office of mayor were heard.

Mr. Andrews said he did not care for the office, but, in view of the important work that fell to be done by the new council, he, having perfect knowledge of it, and thoroughly sympathising with it, would be glad to help it through. He meant to endeavor to get rid of the railway debentures. Assessment must come down to something like actual values, say \$100,000. He was willing that the town get back into the county, if matters could be arranged satisfactorily. He need not say that if elected he would do all he could for the interests of the town.

Mr. Logie next took the floor, who said he had no desire to re-enter public life, but there were times when every one who had the interest of the town at heart should set aside his own wishes for the general good, and this was one of those important eras in their existence which demanded such a sacrifice. He was heart and soul in the agitation to get rid of the railway bonus, and would work with all his might to accomplish this.

Mr. McKelvy gave as his reason for not standing this year as his desire to save the expense of an election, and hoped some amicable arrangement might be made with the county to take over some of the town bridges, which really were really used more by the county than the town.

Coun. Madill thanked the rate-payers for the renewed confidence placed in him by re-electing him to the honorable position of councillor, and said he would do all he could to further the interests of the town. He was willing that the town go back into the county; and in the matter of trying to get the railway bonus thrown off he advocated strongly

ly the sending of a proper delegation to support it.

After a few words from Coun. Peter Broadfoot this wound up town proceedings.

Mr. Chambers, returning officer for the county, then declared the following elected by acclamation: for Ward 1, A. Munro; Ward 3, Jas. Anderson; Ward 4, J. M. Jamieson; Ward 5, J. A. Broadfoot; while for Wards 1 and 6 there being respectively two candidates, viz., Messrs. Duncan McRae & John Morrison for Ward 1, and two for Ward 6, Mr. Nicholas McLean, the old councillor, and Mr. Jas. Lloyd; and for the reevehip the late reeve, Mr. West, and two new candidates, viz., Messrs. Smalley and T. Newman - he declared a poll would be held in all the wards for the election of a reeve and in wards 1 and 6 for councillors.

The following is the vote of the poll at the various wards for reeve:

For Reeve	Smalley	West
Lakeside	9	—
Westbourne	27	—
Woodside	12	6
Richmond	14	10
Blake	—	17
Livingstone	16	23
Silver Stream	16	27
Squirrel Creek	—	—

Councillors	McRae	Morrison
Ward 2	13	6
McLean	—	—
Ward 6	32	12

Mr. Chambers was then appointed chairman of the meeting who called upon Mr. Morton, the county treasurer to read the usual statement of the state of the county finances, who made the gratifying summation that if all the debts owing the municipality were collected they would be in a position to wipe off not only all the current liabilities but the \$10,000 of debentures, instead of only having placed \$1,000 to the credit of a sinking fund for that purpose.

The candidates for the reevehip and Wards 1 and 6 were then heard.

LOCALS

An oyster supper was held in Wilson's Hotel Tuesday night in honor of Mr. J. L. Logie being elected mayor.

We notice the Advertiser and Holiday Review, published at the Portage, which is to change into a regular, full-fledged paper by the name of the Reporter soon. Times must be booming again there when the Portage can support three papers.

Tuesday's train arrived Wed. morning between 7 and 8. Dead engine and snow blockades, the cause. Wednesday's train arrived about 10 at night. This is the first genuine blizzard of the season, consequently there will

be a derangement of travel till it quietes down again.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 24th ult., re one Donnelly who arrived from the Portage the day before, sick. Dr. Scott, who opened the body, gave his verdict, dead from natural causes.

We saw quite an array of pigs on New Year's Day "in dressed array," if not "in bright array," hanging at the end of Mr. H. Mustard's house, Palestine. They were spring pigs, and the eleven would average 100 lbs., which is quite a respectable weight.

Blizzardy, cold weather, making one think of the desirability of being among the orange groves of Florida till winter gets tired and retires to his polar quarters, where he can whirl & birl himself on top of his head on the north pole as long as he likes, without any one being put out about it.

"North of the Wild North Land" is the title of the lecture by Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Wed. evening, Jan. 13th, in Andrews' Hall. We may safely predict a rich intellectual treat for all who have the good fortune to be present. At the close of the lecture "Has the Native the Right to the Soil?" will be discussed by the members.

Prof. Hill gave an entertainment on Mon., Dec. 28, by his Scopicon in Andrews' Hall. Attendance was poor, on account, we presume, of the Methodist having a tea meeting the same night. We hope when he comes again that he will have a full house, which he deserves, & also that his light won't play any more "daft day" tricks on him.

Married: At Roseridge, Beautiful Plains, on the 25th ult., by Rev. W. Murdin, Mr. John Dickie, Blake, to Miss A. M. McGhee, Otonabee.

Mr. D. Rintoul has received a letter from Rev. F. Jephcott. The rev. gentleman is located in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, with a congregation of 1500. He was installed four days after he got home. It is in the heart of the cotton industry. On the day of writing, Dec. 14, the thermometer registered 13 degrees above freezing point. Coal is \$2.00 a ton, and all kinds of food are very cheap.

(Winter months, & especially just after the Xmas and New Year's activity, it's quite often difficult to dig out the news.

To fill his columns Editor Moodie wrote up what he had in lengthy fashion. For instance, a report of the Literary Society meeting took up most of one column. But this, & a short, but hard to read write-up on a School Board meeting, were about all not included here).

FRI., JANUARY 15th 1886:

LOCALS

Teams from Brandon on their way to Lake Manitoba after fish, passed thro' here this week.

There was a dance last Wed. night at Con Bennett's. We believe they had a first class time.

The bridge on Morris Avenue is in poor order for loaded teams to cross over. Something will have to be done. The expense is the main thing.

We have received the holiday number of Vicks' Floral Guide and Seed Annual for 1886, published in Rochester, New York. It is splendidly illustrated and printed.

Ex-Reeve West has lost his colt which took the second prize at the show last fall, by being strangled in the manger this wk. We suppose it was worth \$100.

We had quite a stormy time last week, both with political & stratospheric breezes. They have both gone this week, for which let us be truly thankful, as too much of the former is apt to produce brain fever, while too much of the latter brain chill.

We observed at the council board Wed. last that some of our councillors were rather suspiciously marked about the face. We know they are not given to warstle with forty rod, or even think of testing sudden death; but, as they have been travelling last week Jack Frost made them pay for their temerity, we suppose.

We had a beautiful mirage last Sunday morning; trees and houses apparently floating in the air, causing one to think that nature had gone into the hanging garden business; while away in the distance the Riding Mtns, though 40 miles away, appeared as if they were only one, so sharp and distinct was the line drawn by the rarified air. Jack Frost can show us in his own cold way rare beauties, when inclined.

TOWN COUNCIL

The town council met Tuesday evening in Andrews' Hall. After being sworn, the councillors all took their seats at the council board.

The new members are: Mayor Logie; Councillors, Madill, Paul, Fahrni, Clubb, Williams and Broadfoot.

Minutes of former meetings were read and approved.

Striking of Committees: Public Works, Williams, Clubb and Paul, the first chairman; Finance, Broadfoot, Madill & Fahrni, the first, chairman.

COMMUNICATIONS

From McArthur, Boyle & Allan re coupons.

From Judicial Board, re funds. From Drummond Bros. and Moffat re standing of the town.

ASSESSOR

Williams & Clubb that tenders for assessor be opened.

Jas. Anderson, \$20; H. C. Dean, \$30; D. Rintoul, \$30; P. St. Clair McGregor, \$30; W. Burr, \$25.

Fahrni & Williams that the salary of the assessor be \$30, and a by-law be read accordingly, which was done; the roll to be returned by the 1st of April.

Madill & Paul that Jas. Andrews be appointed assessor.

Clubb & Broadfoot that D. Rintoul be appointed assessor.

These two were asked if they would accept \$30.00, instead of their own tender, before pressing the motions, which they said they would.

Fahrni & Williams: that P. St. Clair McGregor be appointed assessor.

After voting, P. St. Clair McGregor was appointed assessor by a majority of votes.

Auditor

Fahrni & Williams that the auditors be allowed \$2.50 each for auditing the books of the town council. Carried.

Clubb & Paul: that E. E. Best be appointed. Carried.

The mayor appointed J. Mason as the other one.

As the clerk's term of office does not expire till March, the appointment was held over till next meeting of the council.

Coun. Williams brought up the state of the bridge across the river on Morris Avenue, which caused some lively sallies from the opposing party on account of expense. Finally it ended in the following motion being passed: P. Broadfoot & Clubb, that specifications be prepared by the committee of public works for repairing of Morris Avenue bridge. Plans to be submitted to the council for its consideration next Sat. evening. Carried.

Reeve Smalley requested at this stage to be heard as the delegate from the county to interview the govt. in regard to the railway bonus, hoping that the town council would appoint one of themselves at this meeting to go along with him, as it was essential that something should be done at once.

Moved by Clubb and Paul that the mayor be appointed as delegate from the town council. Carried.

Mr. Andrews was heard in respect to the absolute necessity of getting the assessor to assess property at its actual value.

The mayor said they might give him their opinions, but being a sworn officer, he was bound to use his own judgment.

Council adjourned till Sat. at 7 p.m. in the clerk's office.

WESTBOURNE MUN.

The council met at 12 o'clock ir. Andrews' Hall on Tues., when they were sworn in, after which they adjourned till half-past one for the dispatch of business.

The members of the new council are: Reeve Smalley; Coun. Jamieson, Broadfoot, Anderson, McLean, McRae and Munro, All were present except Munro.

Minutes of former meetings were read and sustained.

Applications for Assessor

From J. L. Logie.

From W. H. West.

From P. St. Clair McGregor, \$90, the council to pay for the searches, etc.

From Peter Cameron, \$175, the council to pay for searches, etc.

Motions

Broadfoot-Anderson: that P. St. Clair McGregor be appointed assessor at a salary of \$100. Carried.—The roll to be returned to the clerk no later than the 1st of April.

Jamieson-Anderson: that Joh. Chambers be offered the position of clerk of council for the current year at a salary of \$100. Mr. Chambers accepted.

Auditor

Broadfoot-McLean: that P. H. Moodie be appointed. Lost.

Anderson-McRae: that J. L. Logie be appointed. Carried. The reeve appointed John Mason as the other.

A. McDonald lodged affidavits and certificate in regard to glandered horses, caused to be destroyed by the govt. veterinary inspector.

After some talk over the by-law which had been drawn up before, and also from Mr. A. McDonald in regard to the horse that died the day before the inspector arrived, though he promised to be up the week before: the following motion was moved: Jamieson-Broadfoot: that Mr. A. McDonald be allowed the sum of \$75 as compensation for the loss of a span of horses affected by glanders. Carried.

McRae-Broadfoot: that the clerk get 100 copies of the Auditors' Report printed by Moodie Bros.

In reference to the councillors letting jobs, Coun. Jamieson gave notice that at the next meeting of council he will introduce a by-law appointing each councillor a commissioner to let and pass work in their respective wards, and providing compensation for such work.

A by-law was passed with its usual readings, to raise \$1,000 or the credit of the municipality to meet a note.

Mayor Logie was heard in reference to a much-needed change in the Municipal Act so as to en-

able each ward to raise money for their own internal improvement, without having to strike a general rate, the rate to be paid same year. As the Municipal Act is being amended, he would wish the council to recommend the change to be incorporated in the new amended act. Council agreed & a motion carried accordingly.

Jamieson-Anderson: that Reeve Smalley be a deputation from this council in concert with the town delegate re the railway debenture business.

LOCALS

Who is the game detective?

Messrs. Williams & Esson shipped a carload of barley this week.

Forced Pumps for sale. Apply S. T. Wilson, Wilson House.

The railway is getting some cordwood hauled.

Tomorrow is the last day for tenders to be in for cordwood for the schoolhouse.

A cutter, with horse attached, took a run to itself last Wed., after dumping out its owner. The cutter sustained injury, but not the horse.

Mr. Newcombe has a dance in the hall tonight. We understand it is an invitation affair. If we can find time we will avail ourselves of the invitation to see them "tripping the light fantastic."

RAILWAY DEBENTURES

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Sir: I noticed in the Neepawa Register an article in which our petition re our railway debentures is commented on, in my opinion, rather unfavorably.

Now, the Register may have its own ideas about the matter, and no doubt is perfectly justified in expressing them. At any rate I think he will agree with me in the fact, that the railway is of some benefit even to Neepawa. But when writing the article above alluded to, did he take into consideration the fact that had not the County of Westbourne & the town of Portage la Prairie, taken the burden upon themselves at the time of starting the railway, we might have yet been without one. We at that time assumed the responsibility because the local govt. was not in a position financially to do anything for railways or anything else. Therefore, in asking the govt. to assume now what should be, in common fairness, their debt, instead of ours, we ask no favor, but only justice. What we ask is that the local govt., in giving out to local railways, should take into consideration the fact that Westbourne and Portage were the means of starting a railway that will tend to open up the whole of this northwestern part

of the province to immigration, thereby benefitting the whole province. And as the govt. has helped to a large extent the municipalities to the west, they certainly should help in lifting the debt incurred by Westbourne & Portage in starting this road. Of course, as the Register says, it is none of their funeral, & that, unless the govt. is prepared with a scheme to assist those municipalities who are not in debt, we should be left to bear our own burden. Now, so far as our debt is concerned, we are quite willing to bear any debt incurred for municipal purposes, & are quite able to pay them, but we contend that this railway debt is a horse of another color, and that we are fairly and justly entitled to consideration at the hands of the local govt. on their policy of aiding local railways. It is very true that we have no lands to offer the govt. as security, and we cannot hope, from what we know of railway companies, for anything from that source. But it may be argued that the lands received by the company for building their road thro' this county cost them \$1 an acre. Well supposing that to be the case, could not some means be used to bring some influence on the Dominion govt. either thro' the local govt. or otherwise, to release the company from paying that amount to them, and the amount so utilized could be applied to easing the burden of those railway debentures from Westbourne and Portage. At any rate there can be no harm in using every effort to get rid of this debt by every honorable means in our power. I may find it necessary to write still further on this matter at some future time.

MR. J. MCLAREN says his wheat was the best yet, according to the threshers, that they have handled around these parts.

Mr. J. McGregor, deputy, Dominion Grange, installed officers of a grange in township 14, rge. 13; and opened one in 14, 14.

Mr. Newcombe's dance last Friday night was well patronized, there being quite a crowd from all the surroundings. It broke up about half-past five. ((The hour stated is not a printer's error. Jim Newcombe once told us about the dances he put on in the early days. "Invitation affairs" he claimed they were, and usually they ended up about the time as quoted above)).

We had the pleasure of seeing a brother "comp" from Winnipeg this week. He was up taking stock of Mr. Brown's printing plant for the hon. gentleman. ((Here's another valuable insight into history. C. P. Brown was a most energetic fellow. He came in 1873 as a govt. surveyor and wasn't long in throwing in his lot with others in the upstart village called "Third Crossing." Right away he opened a general store. The next year, in 1874, he was elected member to the Legislature, where he used his influence to promote the village in every way — perhaps too fast — as his arch-enemy Editor Moodie points out. He brought in a small steamboat "The St. Boniface" to prove to his govt. friends that the White Mud was a navigable river; (he was ably aided in this by the flood yrs. of 1880-1881). In 1876 he brought in a combination grist and lumber mill; and 3 yrs. later when that one did not prove good enough he backed the Hatch Bros. in another one: (both were in operation in 1884). Along with Lockhart and Bailey he started the first bank in 1880. In 1878 he surveyed the town and had the streets on his side of Dennis running parallel to the old trail; but he also laid out the Crescent where he built his first dwelling (later burnt). And in 1879 he established a newspaper and brought out Mr. Main to operate it. But it, like other ventures of this energetic, perhaps impetuous man, may have been a little premature. Editor Main left before a year was out, followed in quick succession by —

((the leitured Patmore and St. Clair." The latter was Peter St. Clair McGregor who had control of the paper just before incorporation in the yr. 1882. But

THOMAS CORY.
Gladstone, Jan. 9. 1886.

((As we have used so many articles already on the "bonus deal" we had half decided not to include the above; that is, until we came to the signature, and then we changed our mind quickly. As readers may have noticed in this portion of our history, Thos. Cory spoke out seldom, but when he did it was brief but to the point. The above "letter to the editor" will "nail down" fairly securely what Peter Moodie had been declaring all along re the bonus)).

FRIDAY, JAN. 22, 1886:

Jas. McConnell's tender of \$1.70 for cordwood for Gladstone School was accepted.

Mr. Morton went to Winnipeg this week.

Mrs. Brown is up from Winnipeg on a visit to her parents.

Mr. Alex May, John Elliott & Son's agent at Minedosa, is a

he, too, after a short run left for more remunerative endeavours & the paper was shut down. Then the Moodie Bros. started another paper on May 1st, 1883, but they would have nothing to do with the press and other equipment (though Mr. Brown generously offered it to them). Instead they erected a building & moved in all new equipment. They would not even carry on under the old banner of "The Gladstone News" but called theirs "The Gladstone Age." — All the above is rather factual history from away back, but no one seemed to have a clue as to what happened to Brown's equipment. But at last we have the answer. It was still in Gladstone in 1886, gathering dust in some vacant building. Probably in some corner of that long vacant "Queen's Hotel").

LOCALS

Cauld, cauld, an' stormy maist o' the time, makin' the ingle neuk the cosiest, though it's a heap o' wark pokin' i' the fire a' the time. But things maun aye be some wye is a great consolashun.

Mr. R. Cochrane, of the Cochrane Manufacturing Co., was in town also this week. His agent, Mr. S. T. Wilson, says he is willing to meet those indebted to him in any way, even to the hauling of cordwood to the station.

There was a surprise party Tuesday last at Mr. D. Kerr's Palestine, composed of parties from Gladstone, Dead Lake, etc. Their host and hostess entertained them right royally, as one of the recipients of their hospitality said he had never enjoyed himself better.

Wheat has taken quite a drop apparently, 35c being offered for No. 2 frozen, while No. 3 commands(?) 25.

The literary society held its usual weekly meeting last Wed. night in Andrews' Hall, when the debate, "The Divine Right of Kings," was handled by the negative in rather a rough manner for their divine comfort, while the affirmative as strenuously upheld "the divinity that — in the king." The audience, on a vote, gave the negative the best of the argument. The society is well pleased to see their meetings so well attended by interested people. The programme for next night will be, "What has been the greatest work of the present century?" Missions, Discoveries or Inventions. For the first, Revs. Kinley and Garton; for the second, Rintoul, Claxton and Broadfoot; for the third, Best, McKelvy & Moodie.

TOWN COUNCIL

The adjourned meeting of the town council was held last Sat. evening in the clerk's office, with

all present with the exception of A. Paul.

After seeing the plans & specifications, it was resolved to cut off the piles so as to lower the bridge. The job is to be let tomorrow at 1 o'clock p.m. The cost is not to exceed \$40.

The office of sec-treas. was then disposed of. Two motions were brought before the council to fix the salary, one at \$100, the other at \$75, when the former was carried. Mr. Budge was asked if he would accept it, which he did.

Council then adjourned.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29th, 1886:

LOCALS

Reeve Smalley and Mayor Logie went down to Wpg. this wk.

Mrs. Brown left for Wpg. yesterday.

Mr. B. Williscroft secured the fixing of Morris Ave. bridge at \$30.00.

Rev. Mr. Murray, of Neepawa, will preach Sunday in Blake, Gladstone and Woodside at the usual hours.

Wheat is coming in, though slowly, as the price is not encouraging. Thirty-five cents and 25c are not tempting prices.

The annual school meetings will be held throughout the county Mon., Feb. 1st, for the election of trustees, etc.

Mr. Orr, from Portage Plains, has bought a half-section of land at Squirrel Creek, intending to start a cattle ranch.

The assessor is on the war-path; so be oblivious of all your belongings till he has passed.

Teams from the lake with fish

arrived here the end of last week and stayed over until Monday noon, when they left for their destination, viz., Brandon. They must have had a hard time of it, as it was 40 below, with a high wind blowing as well, a very unusual thing in most of our experiences in this country. One ox team came into town last week with the hair-completely shaved off their legs as if it had been done by a razor. They are from the Beautiful Plains, but have been in the town ever since they came in, the owner afraid to risk going that distance. The brutes must have suffered terribly.

There is one thing we may congratulate ourselves upon, and that is that though the thermometer appears to be running away and the wind on a regular tear at times, still we very rarely hear of any one being frozen to death in this country.

The literary soc. held its usual meeting last Wed. in Andrews' Hall. The president announced that the first business of the night would be choosing of a sub-

ject for the following meeting, when "Should Ireland Have Home Rule?" was agreed upon. Affirmative: Messrs. Best, McGregor and Burpee; Negative: Mr. D. Rintoul and others. The debate: Missions, Discoveries or Inventions of the 19th century productive of most good . . . was then started. The various subjects were then argued in an exhaustive manner by the various speakers. The chairman, Mr. Peter St. Clair McGregor, gave his decision in favor of the Inventions. The next meeting will be held in the Methodist church as the town council has the hall that night.

BIRTHS

At Palestine, on the 24th inst., the wife of D. McCaskill, of a son.

At Gladstone, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. A. Paul, of a daughter.

At Gladstone, on the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. E. E. Best, of a daughter.

TOWN COUNCIL

A special meeting of the town council was held in the clerk's office Mon. evening last; all being present except A. Paul; D. Budge, sec-treas.

As there was a good deal of dissatisfaction at some of the ratepayers trying to prevent the councillors from doing what they considered right, it consequently created a little heat. After a few had expressed their opinion and been silenced, if not convinced, on account of the shortness of funds, it was finally moved by Fahrni-Williams that the Morris Ave. bridge be let according to order last week. Carried. Mayor Logie dissenting.

Wednesday noon was the day appointed, the clerk being instructed to stick up notices to that effect.

Council then adjourned.

(Editorial) . . .

Our local lights, we understand, are going to run their heads against the municipal act again this year, but whether it will be more productive of letting daylight into their own craniums or into the befogged act is only a matter of time to answer.

What with our high taxes and the poor price for our frozen grain, it is absolutely necessary that something should be done to lighten the load of our municipal machinery. Fancy several having to pay about \$24 for a quarter section, not including statute labor, and between 2 and 3 miles from the outside limits of the town! Others again have to pay from \$10 upwards, the majority being 4 or 5 dollars beyond that, while some range between that and \$25. To the north of the county the average is about \$10

or \$12 for a quarter section. Say we put the average at \$12 for a quarter section, which we think is quite a little within the average for the whole county, let us see what it will cost to grow 20 acres of No. 2 frozen wheat.

Expenditure	12.00
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Ploughing, say at \$1.50 per acre	\$30.00
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Seed, at 75c; 2 bus. per acre	30.00
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Seeding & harrowing, 3 days each at \$2.50 per day	15.00
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Reaping, at \$1 an acre	20.00
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Binding twine, at 37c an acre	7.40
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Shocking	4.00
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Stacking, say	8.00
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Threshing, at 3c per bus.	12.00
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a day	12.00
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Income	\$154.90
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Marketing 400 bushels of wheat at 35c bus.	\$140.00
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At present market prices the farmer would be out of pocket	\$14.90,
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even if he could get a return of 20 bus. to the acre, which	\$14.90,
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we very much doubt, of No. 2	frozen.
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It has not come up to	frozen.
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that average this year anyhow.	anyhow.
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FRIDAY, FEB. 5th, 1886:

from being poisoned when they legalize it, and so save us from acting like brutes without reason when under its power.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The annual school meeting was held in the schoolhouse last Mon. Mr. Dean was called to the chair while Mr. Best acted as secretary.

The sec. then read the following account of income and expenditure which showed that we were doing a little towards clearing our debt off:

Receipts

Balance on hand from last year	\$98.40
Government grant	100.00
Taxes, 1885	468.77
Taxes, previous to 1885	388.77
Note (Bailey)	50.00
Westbourne Mun.	1.60
	\$1107.44

Expenditure

Teacher	\$604.29
McCrae's Note	261.55
Bailey's Note	55.25
Wood	21.80
Williscroft	11.00
Scrubbing	6.50
Neville	2.00
Cameron	16.25
Dean	6.00
Moodie Bros.	15.00
Manson	4.00
Boyce	3.00
Discounting Note	1.80
McBride	7.00
Logie	1.05
	\$1106.49
Balance	.95

We have examined the accounts of the sec-treas., as herein shown, and find same correct, as per statement. We find that vouchers for the accounts of T. Madill, \$21.80; B. Williscroft, \$11; Mrs. Watson, \$6.50; and J. Boyce, \$3, are not produced.

— John Chambers and

The members of the Judicial Board are Messrs. Smalley, McGregor, Barnett and McLean.

Our grain buyer, Mr. E. McDonald, intends leaving next wk.

if grain does not come in a little livelier.

Vital Statistics, Municipality of Westbourne: Births, 15; Marriages, 4; Deaths, 2; for year ending Dec. 31, 1885.

Any one desirous of making their house warm should go and see the patent sheathing & lath which Mr. Clubb has on hand. Just the right thing for keeping out the wind.

Freighters from the lake have a hard time of it what with the cold and the continuous filling in of the roads by the winds.

We need a blacksmith around here who can pull teeth and so save a man (?) from worrying his neighbor when under the influence of the poison that is sold in this country under the name of liquor. There are inspectors to save food from being adulterated, but where are the inspectors to save what we drink from being so doubly distilled that it appears to turn men into very devils when under the hellish influence. Let the legislators see to it that they protect our drink

It was moved by Messrs. Logie and McQueen that the report of auditors be adopted, which carried.

Mr. Logie, being the only trustee present, made a few remarks expressing satisfaction at the gradual reduction of the debt; also saying that, if the town could pay what was owing the school, then they would be out of debt, and be able to prepare for a new one.

Messrs. E. Rose and J. Broadfoot were nominated for trustees when the former was elected in room of the retiring one, P. H. Moodie.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12th, 1886:

(Editorial) . . .

Our fish industry calls for some notice. Last winter we engaged in it, but this winter it has grown more. To Manitoba Post by the present route is 60 miles, which could be shortened 20 miles by the expenditure of \$200 we are told by a party who would clear it out for that sum. On a winter's day a saving of 20 miles is a great consideration especially in such windy, cold & bad roads as we had last month.

Those who have been making a specialty of the fish business think the govt. would be advancing the interests of the place in granting the \$200 to get the road made this summer. It would also help those who come from Brandon and other places, after fish.

(Editorial) . . .

We hear the mortgage companies are meeting together to see what can be done with the various lands that are falling into their hands through inability of their borrowers to pay their indebtedness. We think it a step in advance, as it will induce them to see what is best for their own interests. It will open their eyes, if they are not already wide awake, to the folly of holding unoccupied lands.

LOCALS

Miss Best, teacher, is visiting her brother, Mr. E. E. Best.

Mr. D. Cameron is back again from the lake.

Mr. W. Glenn is moving the house which he bought from Mr. Geo. McCrae down to his farm. The amount of yo-hawin' or gee-h(j)awin' was all needed to get up the stubborn thing, or things.

The vital statistics which was published last issue, should have read for the half-year, instead of for the whole year.

Mr. McQueen shipped 4 car-loads of wood this week to the Portage; also Mr. S. T. Wilson shipped 3 carloads to the Portage Brewing Co.

Sat. and Sun. last were "exceptional" days here as the snow disappeared as if by magic under the genial influence of a genuine "Chinook" breath. Doubtless it had strayed away from its home, but still it thawed us out, and we feel all the better from having made its quickening acquaintance.

We have two licensed houses in town now, Mr. Wilson acquainting us yesterday that the inspector had granted him his. We hope there will be no more need of selling on the sly. Our tavern-keepers will now be thoroughly law-abiding citizens, who will shut up at regular hours

and allow no fighting or brawling to be indulged in either by themselves or others, in man or dog fashion. To all which we additit, exhibit or inhibit our names. Open sesame and let us snicker.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the first number of the St. John's College magazine, from Mr. W. Cory.

Mr. Hampton shipped the plant west Wednesday from here which he bought from Mr. Brown. Probably the hand-press is the oldest in the province, as it was used in the old No'r'-Wester. It went down to the Portage last Sat. morning with Mr. S. T. Wilson, of this place, who left here Friday afternoon, and stopping at his place that night took him along with him next morning. After Mr. Wilson got through his business they left the same night about 10 o'clock, we are told, arriving on Sunday morning at Westbourne, when, on Mr. Wilson telling those who met him at the stopping-place, to waken Dan, it was found that he was not asleep but dead. Mr. Wilson spoke to him at Rat Creek, when he appeared to be all right. It must have been working on him before he left home, as he had been in bed a day or two before starting with Mr. Wilson for the Portage. An inquest was not considered necessary by his friends. We believe the cursed poison that is sold under the name of liquor can claim another victim.

RICHMOND

There was a well-attended & agreeable surprise party at Mr. Abijah Dunning's the other evening, the occasion being the celebration of the old gentleman's 74th birthday. Games and music were the order of the evening.

Miss Wickware has gone on a visit to her brother at Westbourne.

The farmers up here are teaming their grain to Arden, the inducement being 5 cents more a bushel for it than they get at Gladstone, but if the same grain commands 5c more at Arden than at Gladstone, the latter place will get the go-by.

Mr. Boughton is an accommodating, steady, reliable man, & is working up a good business. The merchants of Gladstone will have to see to it that if they let the grain go to Arden, the money will likely be left there for the goods they require. Something will have to be done to give the farmers of the north a desire to go to Gladstone.

LOCALS

Our farmers think that 15 per cent is far too much to charge on arrears of taxes. Doubtless the Judicial Board is an expensive machine to keep up.

Who is in the scaly business now? Who is the representative scaly man?

Rev. W. Kinley will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Glad-

stone, in the afternoon. We were led to believe that there will be no service at Blake till the roads get better.

We had a call from Mr. Mathew Whaley last Sat., one of our old settlers, who is located now at Shellmouth, being postmaster.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19th, 1886:

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Dan Ferguson last Sunday morning on the road between Portage & Westbourne. He went down to the Portage last Sat. morning with Mr. S. T. Wilson, of this place, who left here Friday afternoon, and stopping at his place that night took him along with him next morning. After Mr. Wilson got through his business they left the same night about 10 o'clock, we are told, arriving on Sunday morning at Westbourne, when, on Mr. Wilson telling those who met him at the stopping-place, to waken Dan, it was found that he was not asleep but dead. Mr. Wilson spoke to him at Rat Creek, when he appeared to be all right. It must have been working on him before he left home, as he had been in bed a day or two before starting with Mr. Wilson for the Portage. An inquest was not considered necessary by his friends. We believe the cursed poison that is sold under the name of liquor can claim another victim.

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There will be no service in McGregor, Gladstone or Golden Stream Sunday.

Mr. Shoultz, who has a contract for the extension of the M. & N.W. this summer, has engaged a number of men here to cut trees in the Riding Mtns. They leave tomorrow.

Last Friday night a meeting was held in the Windsor Hotel (McAlpine's) when the following motion was supposed to be carried by a standing vote: Resolved: That we do form ourselves into a liberal conservative association. Carried with the utmost unanimity. Diet then adjourned sine die. Who says the politic stick is not striking the scalps of our free men?

FRIDAY, FEB. 26th, 1886:

We hear that the Hon. C. P. Brown is confined to the house through indisposition.

Mr. Rice Howard, inspector of registries and county clerks' offices was in town this week.

Mr. Bell, traveller for Parsons & Ferguson, wholesale stationers, Wpg., was in town this week.

A grand entertainment will be held in Andrews' Hall, on Mon., March 15th, in aid of the Methodist Church. The choir will be occupied by Hon. C. P. Brown, and Rev. A. Langford, of Wpg., and W. L. Rutledge is expected to address the meeting.

Our local notes having gone missing last week, we failed to notice a few locals, among them being the following: Mr. W. H. Downey, of Silver Stream, was unfortunately burned out about a fortnight ago, losing everything. He and his mistress had left in the morning to give a neighbor a hand and when they

was in Gladstone this week.

Daily train to commence on the M. & N.W. on the 1st of March.

The Masons are preparing for a concert, quite a crowd of them being out at Con Bennett's Mon. night practising.

McGregor Debating Society is progressing well. A marked improvement is made in the manner in which debaters handle their subjects. The subject for tonight is: Resolved that discoveries have benefitted mankind more than inventions. The society, judging from the good attendance, is favorably recognized in the district.

Who lost the bottle? Who found it? Doubtless, as streams of water in a parched land, the contents of that bottle must have felt as they gurgled down the finder's throat, satisfying thirst and diffusing warmth and life, where before was barrenness & a very dryness that could be felt.

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FRIDAY, MAR. 5th, 1886:

Rev. J. Robertson will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

There is going to be an express line put on the M. & N.W. about the middle of this month.

Messrs. McDonald & Bowman shipped three carloads of wheat this week. Mr. Jamieson, of Blake, received 70 cents a bus.

Preliminary voters' lists are on sight at the houses of the clerks' of the municipalities, the treasurer & councillors. Parties should examine them to see if they are all right on the list.

A liberal-conservative association was formed here last Friday night, Mr. A. Nicol being president. When are we going to have a liberal, without conservative tacked on to it, association, formed?

Mr. Hardy, representing the Maxwell Implementing Manufacturing Co. was in town this wk. Mr. R. and Mrs. Lovell, from Westbourne, were paying Gladstone a visit this week. Mr. Nesbit, also, of Portage.

The annual meeting of the managers of the Presbyterian Church will be held in Gladstone on Wed., the 10th inst. at 2 p.m. It is hoped that all will be there, as business of importance is to be transacted.

Any one desirous of getting bluestone, can get it at Mr. Dean's store. It would be as well to steep your seed before sowing it, as smut can be effectually

will enable our buyers to give a better price for frozen wheat. Cars are plenty now also, which should incline our farmers to get rid of their frozen grain before the warm weather comes, as it will be difficult then to keep it from spoiling.

Wednesday we had a rare old reminder of Manitoba in the shape of a genuine blizzard, which kept the beautiful in such perpetual motion that it darkened the air so much that one could not see 20 yards ahead of themselves. It started a little after seven in the morning which is rather early for teams to go out, consequently we do not think that any ventured, as there was not much chance of keeping on the road on account of the continual swirl of the snow blinding one and obliterating the track.

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killed by so doing, and we have been troubled with too much of it lately.

The Masonic Lodge of Gladstone intend holding a concert & ball on Wed. evening the 24th inst. Particulars will be given later.

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A grand entertainment will be held (D.V.) in Andrews' Hall, in aid of the Methodist Church, on Mon., Mar. 15, at 7 p.m. The Rev. A. Langford, of Grace Church, Wpg., will deliver a highly entertaining and instructive lecture.

Rev. — Silcox delivered his lecture on "Grip and Grit" in the Presbyterian Church last Mon. night to a crowded house. Mayor Logie and Hon. C. P. Brown moved and seconded in choice expression, on behalf of the literary soc., the pleasure which they, as well as the audience, had received from such a lecture. The collection amounted to \$7. for which the lecturer deserves another vote of thanks for having drawn such a full house. Rev. W. Kinley moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. C. P. Brown for having secured the rev. gentleman's services, thus enabling us to listen to such a well thought-out lecture. The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church when Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor will deliver his lecture on poetry.

TOWN COUNCIL

The council met Wed. night. Present: Couns. Clubb, Fahrni, Madill, Broadfoot and Williams; D. Budge, sec-treas. In the absence of the mayor, Coun. Clubb was called to the chair.

Minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications

From Hon. C. P. Brown acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the council in regard to the absolute necessity of legislative measures being adopted to put an end to the present deadlock.

From Messrs. Carruthera and Brook re rebate on taxes.

Motiona

Broadfoot-Fahrni: that cheque advanced by McIntyre & Co. in payment of taxes on part of Mr. Brown's estate, on condition of 45 per cent rebate, when proposed, being only good for 30 days from the 4th Nov. 1885, be returned. Yeas: Clubb, Fahrni, Broadfoot; nays: Williams and Madill.

Williams-Madill: that account of B. Williscroft on bridge contract be paid, \$30.

Williams-Fahrni: that all taxes paid in March, no interest to be charged on same. Carried unanimously.

Broadfoot-Madill: that unused sidewalks in vicinity of buildings destroyed by fire in August last and sidewalks near McQueen's, be given the school board for the use of the school in Gladstone. Carried.

Madill-Broadfoot: that school board be allowed \$50. Carried.

Mr. Chambers, Mr. Whellam's agent here for immigration purposes, explained the object of the movement, requesting an advt. from them, as a municipality. Answer was reserved till next meeting.

Council then adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAR. 12, 1886:

WHAT A FARMER SAYS:

The great difference in the prices of hardware, tinware and all goods selling at Dean's IXL House is a guarantee that the IXL House is determined to supply at lowest rates. The volume of business is so much increased the last three months that it will pay all parties to buy what they require in that line at the IXL House. Next to the post office.

Trustees meeting next Tuesday night in Postoffice at 6.30.

Mr. W. S. Bailey has bought the Wilson House.

We are sorry to hear that Clr. McLean has got badly hurt.

Mrs. A. Paul has been very

sick these few weeks back, we are sorry to hear.

Mr. Attwood, from Winnipeg, father of our station agent here, was visiting him this week.

Mr. Travis, of Birtle, is stopping in town. He will be happy to give anyone music lessons.

We understand that there will be no service in the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

We see from the Minnedosa Tribune that the Presbyterians there are going to give a call to Rev. Jas. Todd, of Burnside.

Mr. Thos. Paynter has come back from his sojourn in the States. There is something catching in the air of this country apparently. We welcome him back.

Birth: In Livingstone Township, on the 5th instant, the wife of Treasurer Morton, of a dau.

Wheat is coming in a little lively now, as the roads will soon get bad.

Mr. John Whaley lost a valuable horse last week. He has accompanied an uncle, who was on a visit here, to his home in Wisconsin, who intends coming back to settle here if he can get his place in Wisconsin sold. We hope he will influence others to come as we have any amount of farming or grazing land ready for occupancy.

Rumor has it that the railway is agitating for a bi-weekly mail to save expense, as one clerk could do the work then instead of the two which it takes now. Let us agree to differ. A tri-weekly mail we have, a bi-weekly is projected, but as we do not care to make progress backwards let it be a daily instead.

(Editorial) . . .

We see some councils have extended the time to pay taxes without charging the obnoxious 15 per cent interest. This is flat rebellion, but it does a "tale unfold," which augurs bad for the sensibleness of our law-makers. Taxes are a thing which nobody can get out of paying, so what is the use of foolishly adding expense to the delinquent taxpayer? In these times he requires to be carried over rather than ground down. If we had just a set of law-makers who would consider the poor (we mean those who are toiling manfully under adverse circumstances to keep an honest head on their shoulders, and who are consequently the backbone of any country in which their lot is cast) and make laws to lighten their burdens, instead of increasing them, it would show that they understood what they were elected for. Would it not be better for us to go back to a state of nature and so get rid of the incubus which hangs over the country. It appears as if our

legislators have been playing at legislating, for from almost every place comes the cry to be eased of the burdens which they have put on them. Would it not show a manly spirit to step down and out, and allow someone else to vigorously begin retrenchment, who would have no qualms of conscience in cutting down their salaries and dismissing the useless hangers-on to feel the luxury of hunger through having to work for their living by honest hard labour?

FRIDAY, MAR. 19, 1886:

RICHMOND

We regret to learn that some of our respected settlers are thinking of leaving us. We would much rather see new ones coming in.

Another of those very favorable gatherings took place on Feb. 25th at the residence of Rev. W. Murdin. The host and hostess did all in their power to entertain their guests. Choice selections of music and innocent games were the order of the evening.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you feel disposed to take the blues, I hope the fair maidens of the north may extend an invitation to you about that time. If so, I feel assured you will go home both cheered and relieved.

VERITAS.

Ed: We would be apt to be put on the rapid edge of uncertainty by our eyes coming in too close proximity with too much starlight, we fear.

LOCALES

County Court will be held Friday, the 26th.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. A. Paul is getting better.

Mr. Wm. Broadfoot went to Uncle Sam's dominions Thursday to push his fortune. We wish him every success.

Messrs. McLaughlin, Hill and Lindsay, from the north, have gone to the Portage to serve on the jury this week.

Rev. W. Kinley forgot to mention that the cause of Rev. W. L. Rutledge's absence from the Monday night's entertainment was because he was unwell.

Rev. H. McKellar will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Service will commence at 11 in the forenoon, as the communion will be dispensed.

The Winnipeg "Sun" is to be resurrected soon. Mr. Goldwin Smith will be a member and contributor, which is a boost in itself. Mr. J. H. Paston will be manager.

We have received the initial number of "The Englishman's

Journal," published in Montreal, which is to be devoted to the interests of the sons of old England. It is in pamphlet form, being composed of 16 pages. It is well written and well printed. Price, \$1.00.

At the trustees meeting held in the postoffice last Tuesday night, all were present. The minutes of former meeting were read and sustained. Accounts of Mr. McConnell, \$17; and Mr. Logie, \$1.60, were passed for payment. The sidewalk business was discussed, when it was stated that Mr. E. Rose would give his team to haul what was wanted, while the trustees would make a bee on Saturday to get it laid down.

We have to hand the prospectus of the Westbourne Cattle Co. Capital, \$200,000, in \$100 shares. Prominent men of Hamilton and Toronto are its head. It is initiated by W. E. Sanford, Esq., of Hamilton, who owns the land. The prospectus speaks for itself. We can endorse all it says, as the land is the best in the county, being well adapted for grazing purposes, with lots of water and shelter. From the business tact and push of those who compose the directorate we have no fear of it accomplishing great things for them and the county. It is thought that not more than 50 per cent of the capital stock will be called in, in the first year. Anyone wishing to see the prospectus can do so at this office.

MASONIC LODGE ENJOYS "BEST GATHERING EVER"

Tuesday night last was a red letter one in the annals of the Gladstone Lodge of Masons, being the occasion of an official visit by Lt. Wor. Bro. P. St. Clair, McGregor, D.D.G.M. for District No. 3.

After the usual business of the Lodge had been completed, the R. W. Bro. was informed that a repast in honor of his visit awaited at Bro. McAlpine's, to which place the members & visitors, to the number of 25, repaired.

The chair was occupied by Wor. Bro. Mason, and the vice-chair by Wor. Bro. Nicol.

After the tables had been cleared the usual toasts to the Queen, the Craft, the Prince of Wales, and the Royal family, were severally proposed, and right royally drunk. "God Save the Queen" was sung by the company. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was proposed, coupled with the name of the D.D.G.M. for the district, and was drunk with the honors of masonry; followed by a song, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

D.D.G.M. McGregor ably responded, congratulating the lodge upon their standing and general report, referring to the remarks of the grand secretary concerning Gladstone Lodge.

Then a song by Bro. Chandler "The Grave of Bonaparte."

The next toast was to the Past Masters of Gladstone Lodge, responded to by W. Bros. McElvy and Nicol.

W. Bro. Nicol proposed the toast to Gladstone Lodge, its Master and Wardens, long may they prosper; responded to by W. Bro. Mason and A. R. McGregor.

A song by Bro. McLaren, "The Maid and the Magpie."

The chairman next proposed a toast to the guest of the evening, Rt. Wor. Bro. McGregor. Bro. McGregor replied thanking the brethren for the honor they had done him by so royally entertaining him, expressing the pleasure which it gave him to be a member of Gladstone "No. 11."

Bro. McGregor's remarks were appreciated by those present, as they deserved to be. Our honorary member, Bro. A. McDonald, replied.

R. W. Bro. McGregor proposed the toast to the Past Junior Officers of the Lodge; Bros. Cameron and Andrews replied.

Bro. Chandler again favored in song, "Hail to the Chief."

W. Bro. Nicol proposed a toast to our worthy secretary; Bro. Chambers replied.

R. W. Bro. McGregor proposed a toast to the junior officers of the club; replied to by Bro. G. S. McGregor, McLaren & McAlpine.

A song by Bro. McLaren, "I'm the Man you Don't Meet every Day," in reference to our absent brothers, the vice-chairman, coupled with the name of Bro. D. Morrison, once absent but now present.

R. W. Bro. McGregor proposed a toast to our treasurer, in his absence on other duties, coupled with the secretary who replied to it.

"Our Visiting Brethren" from other jurisdictions, by the chairman; Bro. Bowen, of Brussels Lodge, G.R.C., replied.

The youngest member of our lodge, Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton, an honorable addition to the membership; Bro. Chambers replied. The toast was drunk in pure water and was enthusiastically received.

"The Ladies," by Bro. Mason; Bro. G. S. McGregor replied.

A song by Bro. McLaren, "The Lancashire Lass."

To the "Host & Hostess" by Bro. Andrews. Bro. McAlpine replied.

To "The Junior Wardens," by Bro. A. S. McGregor, who gave "Happy to meet; sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

"Auld Lang Syne" was then sung and the brethren dispersed, happy to have met, sorry to part, and hoping to meet again, thus

ending one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent by the lodge.

— Communicated.

FRIDAY, MAR. 26, 1886:

County Court is being held here today.

An emigrant train passed through here Sunday night on its way west.

We hear that Mr. McDonald intends buying grain here for a couple of weeks yet.

Mrs. A. Paul is still very sick, we are sorry to hear, but with careful attention she is likely to recover.

Mr. W. Wagner, M.P.P., desires that a delegate be sent to Wpg. to meet others on Wed., the 31st, at 10 a.m., to discuss the dairy interests of the province. He suggests that the agricultural society pay the delegate's expenses.

On and after 1st April mails will arrive at Gladstone going west Mondays and Thursdays at 1:45 p.m.; and on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:48 p.m., going east. Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:25 a.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays, 12:30 a.m. We will publish the new time table next week.

Spring is evidently upon us as the snow is disappearing fast & the dry land is appearing again to gladden the hearts of the tillers of it. Wed. we had a taste of the equinoctial gales (we can't call them obnoxious, like the autumn ones, which are the procurers of cold and death), for the vernal equinox has the spring of life within it.

The wind-up of the literary society will be held on Friday evening, March 2nd, in Andrews' Hall. This entertainment is not merely to afford the public a musical and intellectual feast, but chiefly to aid in establishing a first-class library in the town.

GOLDEN STREAM

Sleighing is played out.

The Squirrel Creek bridge covering broke when Mr. J. Lloyd's team was crossing it, causing very nearly the loss of the mare. He fortunately secured help and got her lifted out of her perilous situation. He was on his way to the Portage at the time. The old covering should never have been put down. It was spoken against at election time. Somebody will have to pay the damages.

MASONIC CONCERT

This concert was held in Andrews' Hall Wed. night, Rev. W. Jno. Garton presiding.

The chairman, before starting the programme, gave a few humorous remarks which put the audience in receptive mood.

The programme commenced

with an instrumental duet, the Messrs. Travis and Bruce being the performers, which was received with applause and a well-merited encore. The same gentlemen gave another duet later in the evening, which was equally appreciated. For our own part we could have relished a good deal more of the same kind of music. We have heard Mr. Bruce perform on the fiddle before & relish the tunes better the often we hear them.

This is the first time we have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Travis, as he has just lately come from Birtle to sojourn with us for a short time. But from his manner of manipulating the keys of an organ he shows he has studied the meaning of the words before he allows his fingers to echo their thought. He gave a solo in which light and shade, as well as beauty of expression were distinctly produced.

Mr. Philip Corlett sang "Vich Alpine" with vigor, later he gave "Only a dollar or two," for which he received an encore.

The choir gave several songs during the evening, in which the various parts were well blended. Mrs. Con Bennett presided at the organ.

Mr. Creery gave a couple of solos during the evening, which were well received.

Mr. Chandler sang several songs, as, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "Tom Bowline," etc., with his usual vim.

Mr. T. L. Morton read "Beck's Bad Boy," initiating his father in the bumper degree, which amused the audience greatly.

Miss Nettie Cory sang a fine song, Mrs. Con Bennett playing the accompaniment.

The trio by Miss Cory & the Messrs. Mason and McLaren was

capitally rendered.

A couple of Dutch readings, in which the "Dootchman's" accent and his perverse mode of rendering English were shown, were capitallly bit off by Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Mason sang, "Wi' a 100 Piper an' a', an' a'" accompanied in the chorus by several others, which was received with a "heugh" by the Hieland laddies in the audience.

Master and Miss Rose gave an instrumental duet on the piano which was well done.

Messrs. Chambers & McGregor treated us with a reminiscence of schoolboy life in the celebrated dialogue of "Lochiel, beware of the day!" We did not pay so much attention to it, as we thought the dominie was rather close to us, which caused us to keep one eye on the tawse and the other on the spouters.

Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor, at the close of the entertainment expressed, on behalf of the masonic fraternity, thanks to the audience for their patronage, and also hoped they had enjoyed the programme.

The concert was brought to a close by "God Save the Queen" being sung.

The fraternity is to be congratulated for having given such a splendid concert. They deserved the crowded house they received. The proceeds amounted to about \$30.

We may have missed some of the performers, or given undue prominence to others, but if so, it is unwittingly done.

There was a social hop after the concert which broke up somewhere in the neighborhood of 16 o'clock, or 4 in the morning, the participants going home thinking they were well repaid for their want of sleep.

Paul Pry, they were begging pardon for mentioning or coming within the pale of that which they were trying to deliver themselves of, they would confer such a favor upon us benighted mortals that we might be tempted to pray that their shadows might never grow less.

LOCALS

Palestine School starts Monday.

Mr. R. T. Riley was in town this week looking after Mr. Sanford's interests.

Mr. Aikman, Dominion Lands Inspector, was around here this week on an official visit.

Mr. D. Morrison, late of Woodside, now of Alberta N.W.T., was in town on court business last week.

The people of Gladstone will no doubt be glad to hear of the establishment of an express office here by the Dominion Express Co. The advantage gained in shipping by this company are well known to add any comments on their behalf. Suffice it to say that we can now ship our perishable goods with perfect security, which advantage we have not hitherto enjoyed. The rates of course—say to Wpg.—will be a little higher on shipments of over 50 lbs. but the additional security and speed which we gain by this system fully compensates for the extra cost.

There is also another advantage to be gained by shippers of produce, viz., the returning of empty cases free of charge, which, if shipped by freight would be charged for on their return.

Judge Ryan did not open court till nine o'clock last Friday night but kept it on till four in the morning, when he was able to finish on Sat. forenoon before the train came along to whirl him to his ain fireside. The train being late was the cause of his turning night into day. "Justice never sleeps," it is said, neither do those who wait upon her, because we notice always a crowd in the court room. People, we hear, feel themselves inconvenienced and put to unnecessary expense by having to wait all day and sometimes more on account of the train being late that brings the judge. According to law we must wait on the judge and not allow the judge to wait upon us. It might not be out of place to suggest that the judge when he leaves Neepawa, might, on his way east, drop off at Gladstone, instead of going down to the Portage and possibly returning late the next day and so feel himself almost inclined to hurry up justice so as not to be detained another day in Gladstone, and commence court that day (the train is very rarely late coming from the west; or start at 10 next morning, when in the interval he might make himself

at home among his friends, or in fact a thousand & one ways incline himself to enjoy his enforced stay in our midst. We know it would afford us here a greater amount of gratification if we knew we had the bodily presence of "the judge" for a day or two about 4 times a year. We thus drop a hint, in no ways to offend, but only, if our remarks ever come to his honor's ear, that he may feel the force of the plea which we have so lamely presented, without at the same time considering us impudent in meddling with his prerogative.

LOCALS

Mr. Dan McLean, of Winnipeg, was visiting his friends here this week.

A grange has been formed in Richmond ((Plumas)).

Mr. Bruce, of the M. & N.W., at Portage, who was aiding the masons here at their concert last week, left for Portage Tuesday.

Why don't you give the cow her drink at the right time, so as to keep her from bursting open the bar-room door in her endeavour to remind you of your negligence?

Mr. Martin, M.P.P., and Mr. Robertson, were professionally engaged in court business here last week; also Mr. Elliott, from Winnipeg; as well as our own local lawyer, Mr. Geo. Claxton.

Mr. Chandler's singing-class in McGregor Twp. had a very successful wind-up last Mon. night, reflecting credit on their painstaking teacher by the taught's skill in rendering the various pieces. The attendance was also good.

March went out blowing his own horn, believing, we guess, like a good many more, "that he that blows not his horn, by no one else shall it be blowed." The weather keeps too cool to let the ground thaw out so as to start seedling yet. If we had a smart shower of rain it would be the most effectual thawer-out. Farmers should be ready to make a dash whenever the weather permits, as the "early bird deserves the early worm." We hope the farmers will have cause to rejoice this year that they have not spent so much labor for naught.

The royal commission to examine into the charge preferred against the premier commenced last Sat., with Chief Justice Wallbridge as a commissioner, while eminent counsels are ranged on both sides to sift the truth out of the chaff, with which the investigation will be conducted. From the array of things to be gone into, it promises to be a nine-day wonder, not to mention the useless expenses which it will entail.

BIRTHS

At Gladstone, on the 28th the wife of Mr. T. Rose, of a son.

At Gladstone, on the 30th, the wife of Mr. L. Dunning, of a son.

COUNTY COURT

The following is the docket:

W. S. Bailey vs. P. Ferguson. Mrs. S. T. Wilson. Settled.

D. Cameron vs. W. S. Bailey, \$95.03; judgment for ex-debtor. Counsel fee, \$2.00.

Chatham Manf. Co. vs. W. J. Smith. McCrae. Judgment vs. primary debtor as vs. garnishee. Judgment reserved.

W. S. Bailey vs. Cameron et al, \$81.45. Judgment for McDonald.

Massey Manf. Co. vs. John McDougall et al. \$25.28. Judgment against both defendants. Usual counsel fee.

James Turner vs. John McDougall et al. Jury. \$115.48. Verdict for plaintiff for \$7.30. Counsel fee of \$7.50 each, Mrs. McDougall one and Mr. McQueen the other.

W. S. Bailey vs. D. J. McQueen. S. Grantham. \$43. Garnishee discharged.

Dean & Paynter vs. J. McDougall, claimant. Mrs. McDougall, defendant. Judgment for plaintiff. Counsel fee, \$5.

Smith Curtis vs. Dr. Scott. Judgment reserved.

Estate of D. J. McQueen vs. D. Morrison, \$82.25. Settled out of court.

R. Galloway & Bro. vs. San. McAdam, \$25.68. Settled out of court.

Estate of D. J. McQueen vs. Jas. Doherty, \$120. Judgment reserved.

Galloway vs. Morrison. Execution not to be issued for 5 days.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9th, 1886:

We hear that Mr. Geo. Claxton has bought out Mr. T. Alcock, who intends going to Iowa.

A gang of men left here this week for Westbourne to aid in cutting ice to preserve fish during the summer for shipping purposes.

Mr. McLeod will preach a Gaelic sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday; also in English at 3 p.m.; both in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Geo. Wood left Tuesday for Winnipeg. Probably for Edinburgh, Scotland, where Mrs. Wood has been all winter.

Church of England concert on Mon. evening, the 26th inst. A good programme is being prepared and a treat may be expected.

The Lumber and shingles for

Soudan schoolhouse went up from here on Mon. Mr. Billingsford starts to fix it right away.

Farm machinery is arriving & is having ready sale apparently.

Mr. Burns, cattle-buyer, was around this week.

Mr. S. T. Wilson has bought a young stallion.

Mr. Sharp's wife and family arrived here from Winnipeg last week. They have started a fancy store in Andrews' hall. ((It is nice to see a date for this. Margaret Galloway, in her book, "I Lived in Paradise" writes this up well from the eyes of a child. Evidently the goodies displayed there, and the aroma that wafted out to snare passers-by, were captivating to youngsters endowed with healthy appetites)).

Mon. saw the biggest train to go over the M. & N.W. since it started. It was mostly composed of emigrants' effects. The new passenger coaches looked well.

The Bishop of Prince Rupert's Land will hold a confirmation class (D.V.) on Friday evening in the English Church, April 16. Service to commence at 7:30. All are invited to attend. ((The "church" mentioned is probably the upstairs part of the Andrews building. The first church building was not erected until a year later, in 1887)).

The men who were across the lake cutting ties for the M. & N.W. got back Friday. They have cut 15,000 ties, besides several thousand fence posts and logs for about a half-million feet of lumber.

We have received the first two numbers of the Winnipeg Sun, which, from its salutary, is going to keep the example of its great ideal before its eyes and commit itself to no party, but to shine in the even tenor of its way.

Mr. D. Broadfoot left Gladstone Tues. morning for McGregor school (on the C.P.R.), in which he has been engaged to teach. His mother and father drove him down, also going to see Mr. Erskine Broadfoot at Austin.

McGregor literary society held its closing meeting last Friday. There was a good attendance. A racy programme of songs & readings having been exhausted Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor delivered his lecture on poetry which was well received. The society adjourned to meet again on the 2nd Friday of November.

We hear our old friend, Mr. Best, who is in town, is willing to start a cheese factory. Farmers would do well to see if they could not come to some arrangement, as butter is only 16c now, and perhaps like last year, be unsaleable during the summer. We will notice it more next week. We would like to see this movement taken hold of by some energetic individual.

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((Editorial)) . . .

FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

Yesterday we had our new postal arrangements started, which will bring us a step nearer to the world's centre. We have been long accustomed to three mails a week. We wish to express our gratification at getting four; and hope that we will soon be able to have the luxury of a daily mail from the east. "All things come to him who hath the patience to wait for them."

LOCALS

Mr. Aikman, homestead inspector, will be in the Wilson House, Monday, to receive applications for patents.

Mr. Dean has received a car-load of barbed wire direct from Montreal, on which he paid \$191.36 freight.

The bus team took a run to themselves while at the station on Wed. Tired, we suppose, of doing nothing. No damage to themselves or rig. Tie 'em up would be a safe plan.

Mr. W. Rintoul was in from the lake this week taking a run round his acquaintances. He returned Wed. with Mr. D. Cameron's man. Fish and furs are the staples in that district.

We have been informed, rightly or wrongly we know not, that those who were making ties on the other side of the lake, knew no difference between Sundays and Saturdays. We hope it isn't so, as it augurs bad for any county when her citizens have no respect for her laws, whether human or divine, when they get beyond their pale.

TOWN COUNCIL

The council met Wed. evening. Present were: Mayor Logie; Clr. Clubb, Madill, Broadfoot, Paul, and D. Budge, sec-treas.

Minutes of former meeting were read and adopted.

Communications
From C. J. Whellams re immigration. Laid on table.

Accounts
Assessor, \$30; registry office, searches, \$2.; stationery, \$16.

The assessment roll was handed in.

Coun. Williams gave notice of motion to draft a by-law for rebate of taxes on vacant town lots and farm property.

Coun. Williams was instructed to attend to sidewalks & bridges.

Williams - Madill: that the council adjourn to meet Wed. the 14th, to consider by-law, etc.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th, 1886:

We expect Mr. McLeod, the student who is to be placed here during the summer, will commence his duties by preaching in the morning at McGregor, at Gladstone in the afternoon, and in Golden Stream in the evening, Sunday first.

Buckle on your bathing suit, grasp your fishing spear in your hand and go forth valiantly to do battle with the fishy tribe that is so recklessly invading our waters. Don't be scared, though this is a scaly business, still it is a safe and profitable one.

Mr. Belton, from Ontario, is paying a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. S. McElvay.

The wizard of the world will give an entertainment in Andrews' Hall tomorrow evening. Admission, 25c; children, 15c.

County assessment this year is \$707,625 a reduction of one third, the town assessment, \$249,790, a reduction of 45 percent.

Messrs. Gallagher and Burns, cattle buyers, were around this week picking up cattle for butchering. They each secured a carload. Mr. Claxton sold a carload to Mr. Burns, of Portage, taking them down today.

Rev. W. Murdin desires to express his hearty thanks to those kind friends who so generously presented him with purse of \$50. He takes the paper as the best medium through which to thank all for their kindness.

Master Peter Williams was pitched out of his buggy, causing him a scratched nose and a bruised back. He ran a narrow escape of being killed. A colt was along with the other horse, when it shied at something on the road, which toppled him out of the buggy, though he hung on to the lines.

Mr. T. Alcock left with his wife and family for Iowa last Tuesday, where he intends making himself a new home, if he doesn't get homesick and lie himself right back again. The boys, in anticipation of his leaving, made up a surprise party and swooped right down on them on Mon. night, staying till four in the morning, all having enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The weather has changed a little since Tuesday, being cloudy and inclined to be showery; not enough to prevent seeding but making the land more sticky. Still, we can say we are enjoying a fine seed time. We do not think we could ever boast of having so much seed sown in the middle of April before. We may safely say we are a month ahead of time.

(From the Minutes of Westbourne Council):

The following motion was moved by Reeve Smalley & seconded by Coun. Jamieson, embodying lawyer's advice in regard to railway debenture coupons: That this municipality having according to agreement with the town of Gladstone, to pay 1/4 of coupons and debentures, due on the 19th of May, that said amount only be paid into the Ontario Bank, and that the town of Gladstone be requested to pay their 1/4 into the Ontario Bank, so as to meet the coupons and debentures when due, in full, and that the clerk send the town of Gladstone a copy of this motion.

Broadfoot-Fahrni: that after hearing Coun. Williams' report re rebate by-law, that the council consider said by-law 4 months hence. Lost.

Paul-Williams: that any person sending cheques in payment of taxes, that a rebate of 45 percent be granted if the same be

"Anderson-McRae: that Mr. W. McAdam and Mr. James Foster be allowed compensation (according to by-law No. 30) for glandered horses destroyed."

"Anderson-McLean: that balance of taxes due by Rev. W. Murdin be rebated, the balance being \$14.18, in accordance with settler's petition."

"Munro-Broadfoot: that council cannot do anything with Thos. Taylor's taxes."

"McLean-Anderson: that council allow W. H. Downey his back taxes for the loss he has sustained through the fire."

"Anderson-McRae: that this council take out a 1-page advertisement at a cost of \$15 in the Manitoba & Northwest Farms Register."

"In reference to the bridge that had broken down while Mr. John Lloyd's horse was being driven over it, causing its leg to get down, Coun. McLean stated that he had let the necessary repairs to him for the bridge for \$20, which satisfied him as regards damages also."

TOWN COUNCIL

The town council met Wed. evening to see about by-law and other business; all being present with the exception of Clr. Clubb.

Minutes of former meeting were read and passed.

Communications
From municipality of Westbourne re coupons.

Accounts
Richardson, roll and postage \$2.75
P. St. Clair McGregor, salary 20.00
Registry Office, fees & searches 25.00

The finance com. having examined and passed the above accounts, recommended payment of them, which was accordingly done by Williams and Paul moving and seconding that the report of finance com. be adopted.

Coun. Williams then said he had seen Mr. Claxton in regard to the drawing up of a by-law to throw off so much percent on back taxes, who had given his opinion that it might be upset by those ratepayers who had already paid their taxes, or by the creditors. He thought it would not be safe, though it might not be questioned, especially if they were vacant lots. After some discussion the following motions were tabled:

Broadfoot-Fahrni: that after hearing Coun. Williams' report re rebate by-law, that the council consider said by-law 4 months hence. Lost.

Paul-Williams: that any person sending cheques in payment of taxes, that a rebate of 45 percent be granted if the same be

unoccupied town lots. Any money sent in connection with the above, if not accepted in full for taxes, will be returned. Carried.

Fahrni-Broadfoot: that the clerk be instructed to notify the proprietors of lands where stable manure has been accumulated during the winter, to have same removed at once. Carried.

Fahrni-Broadfoot: that town council pay county council \$75. on railway debenture account. Carried.

Council meets as a court of revision on Friday, 14th May, at 7 p.m.

Council then adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

There is quite a lot of wheat up and looking well. Oats will be mostly sown next week, though some early sown will be up ere that. We hope there will be no frost, as oats are easily hurt by it. If the weather keeps like what we are having now it will give the grain a big push. We are glad to see an inclination farmwards of a great many who would have scorned the idea in boom times. It's slow, but sure growth, if only gone wisely into. When we all get back to our farms again, we will be able to work ourselves out of hard times.

((Editorial)) . . .

The liquor bill which Mr. Norquay has introduced is a good one, though the hours of closing might be altered, with profit to the bartender and also to the public. As early closing is the order of the day in almost every other occupation, why don't the govt. give tavernkeepers shorter hours by shutting up at 8 or 9 o'clock. We hold it is too bad or too thoughtless of us to keep places open for our gratification and not remember that our fellows need early closing as well as ourselves. Seven o'clock on Saturday nights should be the shutting up hour, as a working man is apt to spend too much of his hard-earned cash when the hour of closing is 11 or 12, seeing as he has the Sunday to sober off, instead of going to work. Let us by all means make the law so that it will lessen temptation to our weak brother.

LOCALS

Mr. Newcombe has rented the Wilson House.

We have to hand the prospectus of the Canada Labor Courier, which is to be devoted to the interests of the laboring classes. It is to be published in St. Thomas, Ont.

Fri. morning brought a sharp frost, which will have a tend-

ency to nip the tender blades of wheat that are up, though it will make the grain stool out all the more.

Mr. S. T. Wilson has given up hotel-keeping and gone on his farm.

The bailiff's sale of W. Smith's effects on Wed. realized \$36.60.

The Queen's hotel is shut up for the present. We will miss our usual constitutional across the bridge. ((This is not the "Old" Queen's hotel on the corner of Morris and Sask., but the "new", one built later, also on the west side of Morris, but a little north of the bridge)).

Presbyterian services will be held in Richmond at 11, Gladstone at 3, and Woodside at 6:30 by Mr. McLeod.

Rev. W. Murdin will preach at the following places Sunday, 25th instant; Richmond, 10:30; Soudan schoolhouse, 2:30; and Roseridge, 6:30.

Farewell sermon: The Rev. W. Jno. Garton will preach a farewell sermon on Sunday evening next. Service to commence at 6:30.

Mr. Wyman, wizard of the world, gave an entertainment in the hall on Sat. evening to a small, but appreciative, audience. It is quite a while since we have seen sleight of hand performed so easily and cunningly. Citizens missed having a good laugh by not being there. He deserved all the applause which he received, which was not stinted, for his ledgermain.

((Rev. W. Kinley has a letter to the editor expressing his views re the liquor traffic. Once again we remind readers that this Rev. Kinley is the father-in-law of Mrs. Ida Kinley now sojourning in the comfort of Crescent Lodge. Her husband was just a lad when Rev. Kinley was pastor of the Methodist Church in Gladstone)).

Prairie fires have been lending their aid to light up the surroundings these few nights back. We notice the fire has licked up an old landmark, having burnt up the late Mrs. Leech's house, one of the first that was built in this section of the country. What changes have taken place since then! ((The fires must have been uncomfortably close to town as the Leech farm was only several miles south, and a little to the west)).

The following is the result of an examination for March in Ayr School, No. 150, Mekivin. The names are placed in order according to the standing of the pupils. Fourth class: Wm. Duff, John Stewart; Third class: James Milnie, Lizzie Corlett, Archie Gray, Jos. Grose, Ellen Stewart, Emma Grose, Janet Gray, Lena Riddell; Second class: Liz-

zie Stewart, Etta Grose, Euphemia Riddell, Alexander Milnie. —Florence Shafer, teacher.

A special went west Wednesday with Mr. Mann's outfit, who has the contract for building the extension, Solsgirth to Birtle, a distance of 7 or 8 miles. The engineers on construction left the Portage Tuesday for the west. There is nothing definite yet about the time when the engineers are going to locate the rest of the 48 miles that is to be built this season. It goes 10 miles beyond the crossing of the Assiniboine, which river will need a swing bridge, as it is a navigable stream. It will cost something to build it. Perhaps it won't be built till the winter; as it can be done easier then.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 1886:

Agents of some of the mortgage companies were around here this week looking after their interests.

Miss Sebastian left yesterday on her way to the Portage, where she is engaged by the Ladies' missionary society of that place to teach the Indian children. May she succeed in her arduous and self-denying labors and have the blessing of the Master is what we all earnestly desire, we are very sure. She will be missed having been so long in our midst.

We have received a couple of pamphlets with what settlers say about this country as a desirable field for emigrants; also a pocket time card, which was issued by the C.P.R.

NOTICE! We would caution the electors not to pledge their votes to any party or clique till they see who are in the field.—Editor.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. W. Drummond has lost his wife. We know he has the sympathy of all in this his sore affliction.

Mrs. Andrews has received the balance of her millinery goods from Toronto. She will be found at her dwelling instead of her old stand.

Church of England, Gladstone: The Rev. Mr. Little, of Wpg., will conduct divine service in Andrews' Hall on Sunday, morning and evening.

We hear that Mr. T. Alcock has rented his father-in-law's place in Iowa. We hope he will succeed in his new home. We would rather he had stayed with us, but as a "rolling stone gathers no moss," we hope he will stick in his new home. ((It is of interest to note that the Alcocks came out the same year as Peter Moodie and the Broadfoot party, in 1872. The famous picture taken at the corner of Portage and Main St., Wpg., in June of that year records the names of Geo.

and W. H. Alcock among others in the party)).

We had a snowstorm Tuesday, continuing on till Wed. morning. The snow disappeared mostly around town during the day. Towards evening out in the country it had all disappeared, with the exception of spots here and there. Weather keeps cloudy.

Mr. Andrews lets us know he has done well in the hen business, even though eggs are so low in price.

Mr. Doherty, of this town, received a letter from a lady in England, which states that Rev. F. Jephcott delivered a lecture on this country, which netted, after paying all expenses, \$200. He was also requested by several gentlemen at the close of the lecture to repeat it. Also the same lady was at a wedding at which the wedding breakfast only cost \$250. This last item is news only for would-be benedicts.

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FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 1886:

(As we open up the month of May, it should be pointed out that the "Age" has just passed its 3rd anniversary).

Quite a lot of construction stuff passed west this week.

The IXL Hardware House must be doing an extensive business. See the new advertisement this week.

We are very sorry to see that old Mrs. Ferguson is very poorly. She is one of our first settlers here.

No meeting of the council last night, most of them being away seeding. A week from today the town council meets as a court of revision in Andrews Hall at 7 o'clock. Be sure not to forget, all ye who are anyway exercised thereby.

Mr. Hugh Mustard has the foundation of his new house laid. It looks to be roomy enough. Once the hurry of seeding is over he will soon rush it up. . . . We saw a splendid field of wheat there also, being sown on the 6th of April.

Wed., the 12th day of May, is set apart as arbor day by the Lieutenant-Governor of the province. The superintendent of the board of education recommends trustees and teachers to plant a few trees around the school-

more modern home)).

We are informed that the library committee is waiting till the hurry of seeding is over before calling a meeting. Members are pleased with the success met with. Anyone wishing to join in the benefit and pleasure which a library of good books gives can do so by giving their names and paying \$1.00 to Mr. E. E. Best.

Mr. A. Wilson will thank the individual who burst open his door and stole some bags of oats if he will oblige him by coming and paying the damage, otherwise he will proceed against him, as he has a good idea of his whereabouts. ((The Alex Wilson home up until some 50 or 60 yrs. ago, was almost directly across the road from cemetery.))

Mr. Con Bennett has bought a yearling Shorthorn thoroughbred bull from Mr. Lynch at Totogan, this week. This is good business. Nothing like improving the stock. It pays.

FRIDAY, MAY 14th, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

The govt. bill has been passed. We understand that this bill was only to be one remove from prohibition. We fail to see it. In the matter of hours it is retrogressive. The hour of closing is the vital principle of the bill. Do our legislators not legislate for the working men? We wonder who they make laws for, as we all, with very few exceptions, either work with hand or brain. Our magistrates are a terror to evildoers and a stay to those who do well, it is said. How can they be so when our legislators give the working element such unlimited opportunity to get into temptation. We might have adopted a seven o'clock hour on Saturday night with great advantage to the vast majority of our working element, for where no opportunity is, there is no desire. It might have been a little galling at first to have the liberty restrained, but how many would have soon begun to feel the benefit to pocket and heart, and been inclined to thank their law-makers for enabling them to get out of temptations way.

We are getting splendid weather, for wheat and oats are spreading themselves broadly and growing for more elbow room all the time.

Gardening is being gone into.

We notice Mr. Logie has put up a picket fence all along the front of his property. It looks well. Mr. Clubb has also put up a greenhouse at the end of his brick house, in which Mrs. Clubb has a number of flowers and garden stuff preparing for transplanting to the open air whenever the general breezes blow. ((The Clubb house stood for many years on the south side of Dennis, the most westerly of all on that side of the street. It was a landmark of red brick construction (material, no doubt, coming from the plant at Sidney), until some 40 years when it was removed to make way for Mrs. Jean Werhun's

We have to record the death of Mrs. Ferguson, one of our first settlers. She has been for years under the assiduous care of her daughter, Mrs. Broadfoot. With the exception of old age and its necessary attendants, nothing unusual was the matter with her until about a month ago, when she took sick, which illness proved her final one. The last time we had the pleasure of seeing her, which was shortly after she had taken to her bed, we noticed quite a change in her, but did not think she would have

gone so rapidly. We do not think she felt any pain, as she appeared to be in a comatose state most of the time. She lived a busy and useful life tending to her own and strangers as well for many of us have cause to think of her gratefully for her motherly care in the early pioneer days. She leaves a large number of relatives to mourn her decease. She is to be buried today in Gladstone cemetery at 4 p.m. ((Editor Moodie had good reason to speak well of Mrs. Ferguson. It was at her home where the lonely & ailing young Scotsman resided after coming to Canada in an effort to regain his health, after being forced to give up his studies for the ministry.))

Being down to Golden Stream a week or so ago we were surprised to see the land so wet. But it was easily explained when we saw that the creek was overflowing its banks. The ditching that has been done in the neighborhood already requires to be supplemented either by the county or the govt. this summer, as it will not do to have a yearly recurrence of it.

BIRTH

In Palestine Township on the 6th inst., the wife of J. H. Beck, of a daughter.

DEATH

At Gladstone, on the 13th inst., Mrs. Ferguson, aged 77 years and 6 months.

Geo. McCrae, with the help of Mr. Beck, has put a good bridge over the Dead Lake. They put down the mud sills and bents without wetting their feet which required some engineering in 6 to 8 feet of water. The covering and railings are yet to be put on. Mr. McCrae built the bridge on his own land so as to pasture his cattle on the other side of the lake, and thus saving the coming up to Gladstone, their old home.

We have received the auditor's report of the municipality of Lansdowne for 1885, which gives the creditable showing of a balance of \$1727.72. To be sure, this does not count the levy for county buildings, payable yearly.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Clubb is getting all right again.

What are we going to have on the Queen's birthday? We might go out and see the race anyway, Let some one get up a match of some kind or other.

The M. & N. W. has been staking out their road allowance on the west end of town, so as to fence it, as they find the cattle enjoy a race now and again, as well as to hear the scream of the whistle.

Some of our boys took it into their heads to try and strike a

job away from here, but found it was more difficult than they had thought. Consequently they had to drift back again.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st, 1886:

Little Nina Galloway has been very sick with an ulcerated throat. She is getting better under the doctor's treatment.

We had a couple of attorneys from Brussels, Ont., here this week, who were on a double errand; one being to spy out the land, while the other was to take affidavits in the case of G. Alcock vs. W. Yeo.

Those who were waiting here for the M. & N.W. surveyors to start out, got word Sunday and started Monday. Probably the surveyors will run lines to Prince Albert, the terminus of the line, which will keep them busy for about eight months.

We received a bunch of onions from Mr. Milnie, McGregor twp., last Friday. They were in the ground since last fall. It is quite a treat to have something green so early.

The final revision of the voters lists will be made by the revising officer, Judge Ryan, on Friday, 25th of June. All should see that their names are on so as to entitle them to a vote.

Mr. Herren speaks highly of the arrangements on the C.P.R. for handling stock, and of the civility of the employees. The calves, owing to great care, came through without a scratch.

The Norquay govt. was banqueted by the Neepawep Tuesday last. One or two from here received invitations. We are told that there was a large gathering, upwards of 800 tickets being issued, while 500 were present. Mr. Baker's special car took the party up.

NOTICE

All the Electors of the County of Westbourne opposed to the present local govt. are requested to attend a meeting to be held in Andrews' Hall on Sat., the 29th May, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of sending delegates to the Convention to be held in Winnipeg on June 2; and for any other business that may be approved of.

This notice is issued at the request of Mr. Jas. Fisher, the president of the convention.

((From the Report Of The Manitoba Legislature))

Hon. Mr. Brown gave notice that he would move, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney, that whereas improvements of the navigation of the White Mud river is a matter of greatest importance to the people of Manitoba & the North-

west Territories, and asking that an humble address be presented to his excellency, the governor-general-in-council praying his excellency to direct that a sum be placed in the supplementary estimates for the purpose of improving the navigation of that river & the town of Westbourne, on the railway crossing.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

It speaks well for common humanity the numbers that turned out, no doubt many of them at much personal sacrifice, to take part in the search for the lost child, which had such a melancholy termination last Monday.

We question, however, if sorrow for the living did not predominate over that for the dead in the hearts of those who were all through the sad day's proceedings, and the afflictive dispensation will be turned to good account if it rouses public feeling to see to it that the proper parties investigate the causes that have led to the painful spectacle then presented, for the sake if possible, of providing a remedy.

Such isolation, squalor and abjectness is no normal condition of our lot, and the self-preservation that is as much an instinct of communities as of individuals demands that the investigation be made thorough.

We have known the head of the family as long as most, and have always respected him for his sturdy independence & power of work, but if, as we thought that day, the load appears to be too much for his shoulders, it will only be a mercy to have him relieved of some of it.

LOCALS

We are sorry to hear that Mr. MacRae, of Woodside, is very sick.

The cause of the smoky appearance of the sky on Tuesday was fire on the Riding Mountains, which had been raging there for several days.

Mr. Andrews' hens keep him busy now & again packing their produce for market. From what we saw being packed, they cackle to some purpose.

We were shown a potato last week of this year's growth, that looked like one of last. There were quite a lot of new potatoes growing beside it, though none as large as the one to which we refer. They were planted by Mr. McAlpine. How is this for Manitoba?

Messrs. Williscroft and Gray have just got through with latheing Mr. S. McElvyn's house. He intends plastering it whenever the lime is ready, which won't be long now. This is the best time

to do it, as it will be thoroughly dry long before the frost comes. (*This new house is - almost certainly - the building that was alongside his blacksmith shop on 5th St., and fortunately a picture of it is still extant. See the second last page of "Down Thro' the Ages," for this and further information.*)

((Editorial)) . . .

We hope our member will be able to follow out the suggestion which our clerk received from Westbourne municipality to ask him about re debentures. These debentures are costing us more than we bargained for. But it is usually the way.

We do not believe in suing, as it pays neither party. We would have sought special legislation, if we had not been led to believe that the govt. was bringing forth a scheme to aid burdened municipalities. We are referring more particularly to the town. Things have gone against us & we need time to retrieve our position again. We are unable to pay our share of the railway bonus just now, and if the county gets the power to levy on our assessment roll for the other "feurth", which they have a perfect right to do, seeing they cannot levy on the county for it, and are bound to pay it, there will be difficulty in collecting it. This is one of the points which the opponents of the bonus feared, and no wonder, when the pinch is being felt, that we think we have paid altogether too-dear for the benefit received.

Also, another point is, that our high taxation prevents settlers coming and sitting down, amongst us. In fact it is driving away good settlers. But we must not complain. We have received a railway, without being able new to pay the bonus.

We need some temporary relief to tide us over these times; otherwise let our creditors chaw us right up at once, instead of semi-annually worrying us.

We are charged with malice by those who do not think as we do. We only care to fight against measures, not men. We fought against the bonus from the first, as we believe in paying for whatever we subscribe to, and we knew that we never would be able to pay such a large bonus, though unforeseen events have apparently brought our fears to be realized quicker than we anticipated. (*This editorial, is we think, one that explains briefly but fairly clearly the dangerous situation that the town was in; and also shows more clearly the stand the editor took from the start regarding the ill-conceived railway "bonus".*)

LOCALS

Messrs. G. McCrae and Beck intend taking a trip to the Dau-

phin region next week.

Mr. Silas Williams has a cow which is very sick.

A final court of revision for the Dominion Voters' List meets in town, Friday, the 25th inst.

An opening for a doctor here. One in love of his profession for the alleviation of pain which skill produces, and not for the love of filthy lucre, preferred.

The Gladstone school has challenged the Palestine one to play a game of baseball on Dominion Day. If they agree, the match can be played where the church picnic is held.

The funeral service of the late Mrs. Hill, of Richmond, took place on Tuesday. There was a large turn-out, which was increased by those round town joining it as it passed to the cemetery. It showed that the deceased was highly respected by her neighbors.

Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor is appointed enumerator for the county.

The Dead Lake bridge at the graveyard, which needed a little fixing, has been done by Mr. J. McDonald.

Messrs. Galloway have changed their place of business. They will be found in Mr. P. Ferguson's old store.

Rev. T. Cook, of Westbourne, will hold services here at the usual hours on Sunday. ((One might surmise that this could be the "Thos." Cook that Thos. Cory in his historical notes says "preached the first sermon ever to white people in this country . . . in the fall of 1871, with the woods for a church and fallen logs for seats. He was a missionary of the Church of England, and the service was held on the north side of the river nearly opposite to where Gladstone now stands.") Who knows, maybe the preacher stood on exactly the same spot we sit now in type-setting this material. We can dream, can't we?)).

The Presbyterians mean to have a good picnic on Dominion Day. It is to be held in Broadfoot's grove. There will be a baseball match between the Richmond and Gladstone clubs. Croquet, swings, potato race, etc., etc., will fill in the day. Dinner will be served at 4 o'clock . . .

We see our mayor intends going into "bull punching" as he has a young one tied up in his yard. Get another one, dear Jack, and give us a lesson in gee-hawing, as from political breathings the Gladstone Age is to be put into the "sere and yellow leaf" & so 'wither awa' under the scorching beams of the Brown clan.

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At Gladstone, on the 16th inst. the wife of Mr. Jas. McRae, of a son.

D E A T H

Mrs. Hill, wife of Mr. H. Hill, of Richmond, aged 47 years.

GOLDEN STREAM

You don't often hear from this quarter.

The crops are doing well, though needing rain badly. Barley is faring the worst.

Mr. Jas. Lloyd and family leave us this week for the York

featured in the "1884" booklets. The present church building does not come into existence for another seven years—1893).

Mr. Burpee, who is farming Mr. Brown's land, has enclosed quite a piece of ground this spring with wire. He intends breaking more this summer. He has a magnificent field of about 170 acres in wheat, etc. We would like to see all the land to within a quarter of a mile of town properly cropped; then we could sing, "Hard times come again no more."

The first grist arrived at Brown's mill this week. It is said that a Yankee is going to run it for Mr. Brown. By the time it is ready to start, the Yankee, in the interests of Mr. Brown, expects to do good grinding, if not of wheat, at any rate of the people, after his boss is all solid with M.P.P. tacked to his name. This should make the malcontents shake in their boots, if not in their bones, as they will be between the "devil and the deep sea." We mean the Yankee will repay us with compound interest for the loss of his fish, while for those daring(!) to oppose Mr. Brown's return to his fat sit, we fear the English language is too poor in expression to describe the exquisite torture which awaits the "sacrilegious crew." ((Editor Moodie evidently is sharpening up for the election by dipping his pen in pure poison. But then, it is said those were the days when elections were bitterly fought affairs)).

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Rev. Mr. Jukes is on his tour of inspection throughout the schools.

The Masons had an excursion yesterday to Shoal Lake. It was a big one.

We had very near a fire Tuesday. Fire by some means or other started near Mr. T. Hembroff's stables, which, if it had reached it, might have done more damage than devour it, when some of our ladies appeared on

Farmers' Colony, having taken up land there.

Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell are going to have a silver wedding, Saturday first, when the neighborhood round will be invited. Mr. John and his son are working here clearing & breaking. They are making a big improvement on the place within this twelvemonths back. He has fenced quite a big piece of his place this year ((The McConnell's first settled in Livingston district, moving later to Golden Stream. This latter may be indicated in the above)).

The first time, Mr. Editor, you are down in this quarter, you should take a look at Mr. Ross' kitchen. It has the prettiest wall in the county, if not in the province, for a hewed one. ((One of the Ross men was a genius with a knife, carving most ingenious shapes of things. This may be what the writer is referring to)).

We occasionally notice a black horse attached to a buckboard rambling round, with a lady and gentleman in it, but whether attached to each other, reports sayeth not.

I am yours, etc., SHOE FLY.
Golden Stream, June 14, 1886.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1886:

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us as general merchants in the Town of Gladstone, has been duly dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to William Galloway, at Gladstone aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said William Galloway, by whom the same will be settled.

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the scene and by their energy & perseverance succeeded in subduing the flames by deluging them with water.

County Court sits here today. Judge Ryan came to town last night.

The excursion to Shoal Lake yesterday took about ten of our citizens to see the beauty of that much-lauded place and enjoy a day's outing.

Sheriff Setter was in town this week. Some other celebrities from the Portage are in town attending to-day's court.

Messrs. Hembroff and Ferguson have secured the job of fixing the Dead Lake bridge at Mustard's. Their offer was 14.75 for hewed white poplar covering. There were five tenderers.

The M. & N.W. have 6 trains on their time card, to take effect next week. Refrigerator cars will also be put on once a week for the accommodation of shippers of butter, etc. If business demands it, twice a week.

The farmers' picnic, under the auspices of the grangers, was held in the Beautiful Plains Ridge, on the road from McGregor to the Big Plain. It was a splendid day, a splendid place, & consequently a big crowd was there, numbering 400.

The delegates to the convention of Saturday for Ward 5 are Messrs. Geo. Grantham and D. Budge. From the town: Messrs. Andrews, Dean, P. Broadfoot, and J. Moodie. Ward 3, Messrs. Rodgers, McKenzie & G. H. Kerr. The delegate for Ward 4 is Mr. W. H. West.

((Editorial)) . . .

P E R S O N A L

We do not care to talk about ourselves, but as we are sort of public property, we feel constrained to do so in justice to our subscribers and ourselves.

When we started (over three years ago), we thought that the boom had struck bottom and consequently times would flow quietly on, with a steady, if not an upward tendency. We, like a good many more, never dreamt that we would have such tumbling losses, both in depreciation of property and frozen grain, year after year. We accordingly thought the paper, at its start, would be able to live as a 4-page paper, but very soon found that we would have to adopt a patent sheet, which we did, keeping it on as long as we could, till we have had to come down to two, seeing that times have been steadily dropping. But we have been, as is said by a fellow-countryman, "wise 'behint the han'."

We have been asked to again resume our patent sheet for various reasons by our patrons. But at this time we do not think it

would be wise, even though we are threatened with opposition by a govt. organ. If one paper can't exist but only hang on in these times, we fail to see how two could, unless by trying to chaw each other up. To be sure govt. pap would enable it to be the survivor of the fittest. We do not care to suppress our real sentiments for dollars or anything else. There is too much newspaper patronage given by both parties for a salve for uneasy consciences. In fact, the press too often forgets the high calling by prostituting its talents to encourage wrong-doing.

All those who patronized us we thank heartily. But as we depend on this crop, like a good many more, we think it safer to keep on as we are doing. We know our ability to handle the pen is not of much account. But, seeing that we have been forced into it, we do the best we can.

Also, if health and pocket will

stand it we mean to see the elections over. We may have been singular in our behalf that the hon. gentleman who has represented us so long has rather misrepresented us. But now we are glad to see there is a prospect of a change here, which we hope to see all round, so that the country may oe run on economical lines. We know the country is born for greatness. It isn't necessary to thrust it upon it. As the old saying is, "Rome wasn't built in a day," or what lawyers would call a saving clause, "an afternoon either." We want thoroughly good, reliable men who will govern through the people.

As we are on the theme that we do not care "talking shop"—we will only add that if times mend soon, and our merchants feel inclined to encourage us to keep our "rush light flickering," we will be only too glad to put our best foot forward. If not, we will soon make ourselves scarce.

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FRIDAY, JULY 2nd, 1886:

Refuse the "Age" and subscribe for the "Neepawa Register" and "Portage Tribune-Review" in the which the minister of public works now advertises Westbourne county govt. work.

A copy of the Portage "Tribune-Review," containing the advertisement of the Westbourne county drains was mailed to almost every man in the eastern part of the county, wherever else. The question is, who pays the score?

L O C A L S

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. J. Duncan, of Austin, is very sick.

Mr. McGhie killed a big bear near his place this week.

Mr. Frank Schooley, our old station agent, is on a visit to his brother here for a few days.

We call attention to the sale of lands for arrears of taxes which will be held here on the 16th of August.

Hon. C. P. Brown left by last Saturday's train, having been up on business.

The Richmond school closed for the holidays last Wed. Parents were highly pleased with the progress made by the children.

Sat., the 10th inst., the Westbourne Agricultural Society is to meet in Andrews' Hall at 2 p.m. to go over the prize list. A full meeting is requested!

A football club is talked of here, "Nae liftin' the ba' soople yer jints by rinin' awa' wi' it yer taes till ye kicket wi' a gran' goal." Hurrah!

Mr. Newcombe was fined \$250 and costs for selling liquor. As it was a case of change of license, and not being well enough posted in the law, he has appealed to the county court.

Mr. McLatchie, surveyor, was in town this week. He is surveying the old trail thro' the province to Fort Ellice.

The M. & N.W. is rushing ties and rails to the front. Some of our farmers are working with their teams on the road though the pay is not encouraging, but one is glad to earn a little money these times.

The M. & N.W. is fencing both sides of the line with wire from the Methodist church up to Waters'. The surveyors are running the lines. This will prevent some screeching and also some tail-stretching from the unlucky bovines which happen to graze between the metals. ((The Methodist Church then was located a half-mile east of Morris on the old trail (just a little west of Mrs. Corinne McCrae's present house) & Mr. Geo. Waters was one mile and a bit west on the

same trail, the farm now under Robt., the 3rd generation Adamson to till the acreage)).

Mr. Matthew Whaley, postmaster at Shellmouth, late of Golden Stream, gave us a call yesterday. He said the crops up there were looking splendid, rain having been plenty since the 1st of June.

The "Wild Cats" baseball club, of Silver Stream, is revived again. They are pretty good at clawing the ball and getting onto your base and making no fuss about it either, so other clubs will have to be good with their heels and strike vigorously and truly from the shoulder before they can get away with them.

We are told that the Squirrel Creek people have been promised a road from Westbourne into their settlement by Mr. Brown. We are glad to hear of them getting a road, as it is an actual necessity to them. As they have a right to it, it should not influence them in their votes, as in that case it would be a bid for their support; in other words, bribery. But it may be an electioneering score.

We are sorry to record the death of Mrs. Barron, a daughter of Mr. McIntyre, of McGregor twp. She was just a little over a year married, and had come from her home at High Bluff, not feeling overly well. She was buried last Monday in McGregor cemetery.

We saw a splendid sod shed at Mr. G. McCrae's built by Mr. J. McGhie. The wall is 100 feet long and 8 feet high, posts being put in on either side every few feet apart and pinned together. There are two tiers of oak posts, four feet in the ground and all sawed out to hold the beams, which will then be crossed by poles, on which a light covering of straw will be put for a roof. The wall is a good deal higher at the end where the door is, which has southern exposure, looking towards the lake.

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SEE US DECENTLY BURIED

The appropriateness of the above request ought to be apparent to every one of our readers on perusing the subjoined letter and other melancholy information that will be found further on.

Winnipeg, June 25, 1886.
Messrs. Moodie Bros.:

Sir: Acting in accordance with a suggestion made in the public accounts committed last session, that subscriptions to papers be limited, I am directed to inform you that on and after the 1st July next the "Age" will not be received by any of the departments of the provincial government.

You are also requested to send forthwith any outstanding accounts you have to the above date.—Yours truly, Gideon Bourdelle, Queen's Printer.

Unfortunately we are in a quandary as to the propriety of dying right away or holding on to sweet existence for a little longer, as the dates of letters, excerpts of which we furnish, one received ahead and the other

over their part of the country in having such a magnificent stock-raising county, as well as for grain.

OUR CANDIDATE

Mr. Morton was chosen by a three to one vote over Mr. Claxton at the convention of delegates held here last Saturday to select a candidate to run in opposition to our present member for the ensuing parliament.

All the candidates were careful to explain the reason of the people's choice of Mr. Morton to be not that they thought him any fitter for the position, but only that in their judgment he would run stronger, & in this we thoroughly agree, though of the two men Mr. Claxton is the closer friend, though not so old a one as Mr. Morton.

We only add at present the duty of the hour to be to close up our ranks and present an unbroken front. The momentum of our mass manifesting its effect all in the one way is one of the conditions to ensure success in our important undertaking.

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Winnipeg, May 5, 1886.
To The Editor of the Gladstone Age.

Sir: I am directed by the honorable the Speaker to ask you to renew our subscription for your newspaper for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1886, and ending June 30, 1887.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, J. P. Robertson, provincial librarian.

Winnipeg, June 28, 1886.
Moodie Bros., Gladstone.

I am directed to acknowledge yours of the 26th inst. . . Our bill for three years will be passed after 1st of July.—Yours, etc., J. P. Robertson, librarian.

But our coup de grace is dealt out to us in the withdrawal of the magnificent govt. printing patronage, on which we have grown too fat and lusty during the past three years, that has been given to the Portage Tribune-Review, preparatory to its old, worn printing outfit (which has been threatened to be sent up) arriving to wipe us out of existence so effectually as not to leave even a trace of the proverbial grease spot behind!

The minister of public works has so decreed, and who ever knew him to carry out any scheme—good, bad or indifferent—he ever undertook to a satisfactory determination.

Our readers must excuse us if we try to die as hard as we can. To his face last Saturday we characterized his conduct as a depth of meanness even we did not give him credit for.

We started this journal in the interests of the town and county more than three years ago at the expense of \$4,000, \$700 of which went into the honorable gentleman's own pocket for the bare ground on which our office was built, and we mean, if possible to keep it going until a better arrives, though we have no intention, nor do we believe we shall be forced, to make way for a worse.

We are the recognised medium of communication both with the town and county, and it is an act of flagrant injustice for the executive of the province to endeavor to ignore that fact.

The beggarly nature of the bribe they are now able to hold out to catch the needy in this ditching business of 12½ cents a yard, which is in such distressing contrast to the halcyon days of our ditching here when our marshlands were still to the fore to foot the bills, affording no excuse for their procedure in the case.

Why this malevolence? Simply because recently we resented, &

will continue to, his continuing to think the settlers here the same deplorable set of —— that he has all along thought them, as evinced by the worn out irritating tactics with which he has set out to prosecute his present canvass, which have nothing to recommend them but their antiquity. The time has gone by for much effective work to be looked for from button-holing, way-laying, cajoling, throwing ditching sops and all such trumpery ways.

What we want him to do, and we believe it is the only salvation for him or any other like circumstanced man, is to make a new departure and take the public platform, and, by the vigor of his defence of the govt. course and particularly his own, carry the county. If he can't do it this way, he can do it in no other, for deadbeatism (thanks to the progress we are making) is not the all-powerful factor it used to be here.

FRIDAY, JULY 9th, 1886:

A political picnic will be held in Gladstone on Tuesday, the 27 of July, when Messrs. Greenway, etc., and members of the govt. will be present. It will be held under the auspices of the Manitoba Liberal Assoc. here in Broadfoot's grove.

We are glad to hear that Mr. McRae, of Woodside, is getting better.

Mr. W. S. Bailey talks of building a dining hall at the station.

There are rumors of another hotel being opened here.

Mr. J. Morrison, of Woodside, paid a flying visit to Gladstone this week. He is busy with his saw mill across the lake cutting up some logs for Mr. McArthur.

We had a call from Mr. Hockin, late of Blake, now of Arden. He is getting along first rate, he says. They had a meeting at Arden the other night in support of Mr. Crawford, when one and all were enthusiastically for him.

Mr. Beck got back from his Dauphin trip last Monday. He came down with Mr. T. Cory, Jr. His companions arrived home last night. He is very enthusiastic over that country. He says it has the richest soil he has ever seen, while the stock-raising capabilities are A1. The crops there are looking well, rain having been more plentiful. He and his companions spied out a good bit of the land. They also found gold which will give us all a Gladstone. They were on the highest part of Duck Mtns., which are completely stripped of timber on account of the Indians setting out fires, it is said.

The heat is the most intense and continuous, according to our old-timers, since ever they came

to this country. The wheat is looking not bad, though inclined to be short. Oats are light and weedy, while barley, with some exceptions, is nowhere.

We notice that Mr. McLean is wire-fencing and re-breaking ground that has been long fallow. We refer to the late Mr. Allan Bruce's place. He intends having 20 acres ready for next year's crop.

We notice an advertisement of a tenant wanted for the hotel at Westbourne. A first-rate chance for a good man.

The employees of the M. & N. W. are going to have an excursion and picnic on the 24th to McArthur's Landing, from the Portage. Courtesy of the Co.

The following took prizes at the Presbyterian picnic on Dominion Day: Men's race, 100-yds., J. McConnell, \$1; Smoking race, Wm. Williams, 75c; A. Sudey, 50c; Potato race, J. McConnell, 75c; A. Sudey, 50c; Egg and ladies' race, J. McConnell, 75c; C. Williams, 50c; Boys' race, J. Robinson, 50c; G. Bruce, 25c.

(In this issue Moodie takes the liberty (rightly or wrongly) of publishing two letters, both two years old, in which Brown extends an offer of sending him some govt. printing if his plant can handle it (Feb. 20, 1884); & his own reply (Mar. 4th) when he turns it down, not unkindly, but firmly, giving as his reasons they haven't sufficient type for such work; it would not serve any useful purpose, as it could not help them that much that it would keep them in business; besides it would serve the govt. best to get its work done cheapest and best (in Wpg.); and a not-too-veiled suspicion that its an attempt to "buy" him, advising that there is no hope of anything like that.—There was a bit more correspondence back and forth that year, but it ended up with the two most influential men of the times, each in his own way trying to help the town, but finding themselves "polls" apart, and that is not necessarily a poor pun).

FRIDAY, JULY 16th, 1886:

BIRTH

On the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. Peter Soper, of Richmond, of a daughter.

Postmasters will please post up posteria in a conspicuous space. ((Evidently Mr. Rose, o Conservative, is being a bit careless in handling Liberal advt.).

Smoky atmosphere. Fire must be raging somewhere.

Mr. Newman came up from Wpg. last Friday to take a look at his crop and place. He says time aren't half-a-time in Wpg.

The wheat is looking well up

north, notwithstanding the drought. Mr. Copeland says he has a piece of wheat the heads of which are about five inches in length.

In a riot that took place on the 12th at Shoal Lake, a young man named Cooper was stabbed, causing his death, by a drunken Finlander. The crowd captured him, when his companions tried to rescue him, which caused one of them, more bold than the rest, to be beaten badly. It is said that he will likely die also. The people of Shoal Lake intended lynching the murderer. The magistrates swore in special constables.

Pony flesh has had quite a run these few days back, as quite a few find themselves the happy possessors of one or two of these animals, minus the cash or its equivalent in stock. Next will be in order the arrival of brand new buggies, with just room for two in a pinch.

We had a visit Mon. of Mr. J. A. Carman, publisher of "The Emigrant," Wpg. He was on his way west. He thinks this will be a good place yet, as it is a splendid pasture country. The people have just to stick to it.

DESPERATELY DRY

Dry, dry, very dry weather; though a little cooler. We have seen the ground pretty full - with water - but we have never noticed it so thirsty as to make its very lips, or surface, crack with longing for a drink.

MISREPRESENTATION
To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: I have been informed that some of my political opponents are making capital against me as being one of the parties who handed over the railway debentures to Mr. Brown.

The facts of the cases are as follows:

I was appointed a trustee by the council, and when urged by Mr. Brown to sign an order for handing the debenture over, I positively refused to do so unless by order of the council.

The advice I received from W. J. James, solicitor, Portage la Prairie, was that I had no option in the matter, but to carry out the instructions of the council, otherwise I would be held personally liable.

I was ordered by Messrs. Smalley and Logie, as representatives of the council, to sign the order for the debentures, and did so.

This, Mr. Editor, is the sum and substance of the matter as far as I am concerned, and I defy contradiction.

T. L. MORTON.
Gladstone, July 14, 1886.

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd, 1886:

(For the past few issues there have been three solid columns devoted to the list of farms up for arrears of taxes - approximately 110 parcels).

Binder for Sale: \$25 will purchase one Good Wire Binder at the office of W. S. Bailey & Co., Gladstone.

The schools are enjoying the holidays.

Fine showers thro' the night and this morning.

Mr. S. T. Wilson's brother, from Wpg., is paying him a visit.

Mr. J. J. Monterieff, representing the Manitoba Sun, was in town for a few days this week.

We return thanks to the committee for remembering the Age in their bestowal of invitation tickets. (M. & N.W. employees' picnics).

Tuesday, first, the electors of this county will have an opportunity of hearing both sides of the question fully discussed, as members of the govt. will be there to argue for their position, while their opponents will also be there to show cause why they should be ousted. We hope to see a big turn-out.

The poet is blamed for using the expression, "There is a sound of revelry in the air." He might have been more to the point in these peaceful times if he said "rivalry," as the air is just overcharged with the compound.

The first buggy has arrived. It was painted the other day. Don't know who got it. Do you? Oh, well, we'll see it on Tuesday, as it can be readily picked out, with a highflier of a Montana pony before it, while an interesting couple, only interested in each other's company, will be utterly unconscious of their surroundings.—Washti.

We don't hear anything about those ditches now. Probably, as that would interfere with haying and harvest, they will not be given out till after that. This is only a surmise. The only thing we hear about the Squirrel Creek ditching is that there are too many bosses, complaining they've got "no work to do," consequently there's "the devil to pay." Queer, isn't it, that we are never satisfied, even though we have a boss-ship. To be sure the promise of largesse is not nearly as safe as a solvent bank note, but then we can air our indignity all the same.

We had a call Wed. from Mr. Spedding of the Manitou Mercury. He had been up to Birtle on our line.

Haying is in full blast. There is a general opinion that the council should appoint a day to start haying, as by too early cutting the meadows are spoiled.

The ladies of All Saints church intend holding a bazaar on Fair day, the proceeds to go towards the expense of building a church.

GOLDEN STREAM

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: The "war in the east" still goes on. Our present member is "still pressing on" to victory or defeat. This must be a beloved district to him. In asking for a settler's vote, which was distinctly refused, he could not help remarking, "I see by the "Age" that one man has gone back on me, of whom I did not think it possible."

An amusing incident happened during his visit. One of the gentlemen who accompanied him requested the farmer with whom he had stopped all night to drive him up to town, when he would get his instruments and survey a ditch down from his to one that was made last year. The farmer brought him up but not down again, as the gentleman found he was wanted at home, so he took the iron horse and "left" the farmer to think of the promise of his guest. This will be a "sure" vote for Brown. We won't say what language ensued when the individual felt himself so badly "left." This was the same gentleman who was "so rabid" a year or so ago against the member for Beautiful Plains county as to indulge himself in writing all he could against his member. Now he has repented & sees that "brotherly love should continue," as he accompanies the member for Beautiful Plains in his canvass. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." —Watcher.

OTONABEE

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: The crops are looking well here. The big rain we had some time ago just sent them up shooting. They beat anything you ever saw.

If any one wants to own a dog without paying for it just let him go to the owner and tell him that its present possessor is starving it, and it will do the job. —An Aggrieved One.

FRIDAY, JULY 30th, 1886:

Palestine school resumes Monday.

Mr. D. Broadfoot, teacher, at Austin, is spending his holidays with his folks here.

Mrs. Brown was in town this week for a few days.

The town had quite a holiday look Tuesday, being picnic day.

Mr. D. W. Buchanan, associate editor of the "Commercial" Wpg., gave us a call Monday. He left for the west next day. (It would appear from the recurring visits of important men in the newspaper fraternity that

Editor Moodie had won his spurs and probably had some of his opinions quoted widely. "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house," fits here, it seems).

Mayor Logie and D. Budge are appointed census-takers for this country by the Dom. govt. Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor is appointed for Rosedale.

Mr. McRae, of Woodside, died last week. Deceased was long ailing. He was held in much esteem by all. He settled in the country in 1871. It was refreshing to have a chat with him, as he was full of information. He was 76.

Mr. Cleaver, of Portage, passed thro' here Wed. with 20 head of fat cattle on his way home. He had been as far as Birtle for some of them. He travelled along the road, picking them up at the various farms he passed. Some misunderstanding between him and the railway caused this. As we have only heard his side of the story, it would not be fair to find fault till we knew whose shoulders it would fit.

Mr. Lowman is painting Mr. S. McKelvy's house.

Surveyor McFadden and Mr. Myrtle, both of Neepawa, gave us a call last Friday. They had been down at Golden Stream to stake out the course of a ditch from Mr. Whaley's for about 2 miles to join one that was made before. We are told that it will do good, if it is ever dug, though the settlers there are very dubious of a spadeful of dirt ever being thrown out of it. Also, they are justly angered at him for thinking so mean of them as to suppose that digging a ditch or two entitles him to get their vote. . . .

(Editorial) . . .

THE WHITE FEATHER

Is this land of limitless possibilities also to achieve the unenviable notoriety of producing a set of men who can act so well the coward as our member. It would seem so if the bad precedent set by Hon. C. P. Brown, minister of public works, last Tuesday, is any indication. He has never deigned, within the last 12 years of his misrepresentation of our interests, spontaneously to come before the electors of Westbourne, and give them an account of his stewardship; and when we asked him, with a fortnight's clear notice to do so, has refused, and this in a manner which shows very clearly his wrong interpretation of the relationship existing between them and himself. He, it appears, is the boss, and we the servants. Of course this is acting out just as he has all along thought us. The constituency is only the despicable medium by which he has climbed to the position he has disgraced, and kept by the plentiful use of means which no honorable man would stoop to use.

We saw a Toronto binder at work in Mr. Burpee's field, which does good work, having an attachment for carrying four or five sheaves, thus saving a man much labor in shocking up, as the sheaves are laid in windrows. Also the reels can be lowered to within an inch of the ground, thus enabling it to cut short grain. The driver can shift the apparatus for binding short or long grain as he goes along. For lightness and strength it appears an A1 machine. A 5-foot cut machine can be drawn by two horses easily.

Mr. Geo. Bruce, Livingstone, has a splendid field of wheat. The straw and heads are both long, while the berry is plum. We don't think we ever saw a better sample. One who has been

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FRIDAY, AUG. 6th, 1886:

Messrs. Logie and McGregor went to Lake Manitoba on Friday to take the census. The Hon. C. P. Brown accompanied them.

Mr. Budge is on his census rounds.

Messrs. John & William Davison left here for Neepawa last Sunday.

There is talk of marriage bells ringing soon.

The farmers around here are putting up lots of hay.

Strathclair station on the M. & N.W., has been opened up again.

No council meeting Wed. last, members being busy harvesting.

Mr. D. Broadfoot left Monday for Austin to resume his school duties.

The restaurant at the station is being rushed up. Mr. Clubb is the contractor.

Mr. Thomson, Portage, was here this week fixing up some of the Watson binders that had got out of kilter.

Electors are much exercised over the Indian vote, wishing to be exorcised from it. "Avant thou unclean thing and be relegated to the 'forest primeval.'

It is current around town that nothing less than \$1000 will buy votes. Those asking for the suffrages of the electors to represent their sufferings in the local house will please bring a stack of bills along with them. We expect to see something fly (!) these times.

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((Readers should not be thrown off by Editor Moodie's irony. And most of the statements jibe with recorded history. "Who were the three Gladstonians who shared the \$25,000?" was a query

made in the "1884" pamphlets by Moodie. The rails did curve, cross the river and go through Brown's field (my Dad bought this farm some 37 yrs. later & spikes were still in the soil). The rly. that Pres. Brown & Co laid from Portage to Gladstone between May 5th and Aug 21st, 1882, was declared a shambles by a railway man in the employ of Sir Hugh Allan & Assoc., who took over in Nov. of the same yr. He declared it was so bad that the whole line from Portage to 15 miles west of Gladstone would have to be taken up & rebuilt. Editor Moodie evidently knew the facts, even if it took 'politics' to bring them all out)).

FRIDAY, AUG. 13th, 1886:

55c is the starting price for wheat this fall, it is said.

Messrs. Budge and Dean went to Wpg. Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

A birth took place on the train while it was going towards Solsgrith at a rapid rate. The child dropped on the tracks, which was found some distance back. The doctor had hopes for it. ((In case readers think this is simply a fabrication, we have the word of the late Inkerman Wright, that it happened just that way. He was on the train. And evidently the child did survive and grow to manhood)).

Mr. S. McKelvy has his house nicely and warmly fitted up for the winter, being plastered, papered and painted, doors being painted as well. It just wants a woman to fill it completely and with taste. Mr. John McCrae did the plastering, while G. Lowman painted and papered it.

An Indian from Sandy Bay who followed the Brown boys last wk. brought his credentials with him, arriving at Cory's the end of last week, wishing him to procure the band out there the treaty money, as they did not want to vote. Mr. Cory could not help him any. We are informed by what had been said at the meeting held by Mr. Brown, even to being shot like the rebels in the Northwest, if they did not vote for Mr. Brown. Also, that Mr. Brown "too much talk." We mention this just for what it is worth, to show how voters here, whether conservative or liberal, are to be swamped by men who know nothing or care less about the issues here.

The track-layers are laying iron at the rate of a mile a day. They will have upwards of 30 miles laid by the end of the week beyond Birtle. The grade of the remainder is approaching completion. We are told there is a small army out there as busy as bees. It is expected that the branch from Minnedosa to Rapid City will be constructed by the M. & N.W. this fall.

RAILWAY DEBENTURES

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: I notice a letter of Mr. Morton's in your paper concerning the railway debentures, in which he says he was advised by Mr. James to hand them over to the railway company, and that he was also ordered to do so by the council. I had the honor of being a member of the council at the time and know that a full meeting of the council never ordered them to be handed over.

Messrs. Logie, Smalley & Morton were appointed to go to Winnipeg about the matter, and I, as a member of the council, certainly thought Mr. Morton, as the trustee of the people, holding the debentures, would not hand them over to Mr. Brown or to Mr. Anyone else without the peoples' consent. It is childish to say he had to run to lawyer James for advice. It would be foolish to have for a member a man that does not know what to do and can be made a tool of the Messrs. Logie and Smalley.

If, Mr. Editor, your object in electing Mr. Morton is to find out his want of firmness, and to bring past things to light, you deserve credit. We are not likely to forget had he done his duty under the by-law and kept the debentures, the ratepayers would not now be growling about the bonus, and the taxes would be a great deal lighter.

D. McCASKILL.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20th, 1886:

Mr. Atkinson, of the Liberal, Portage, gave a look-in Friday on his way to Neepawa to spend a few days.

It is reported that an epidemic has broken out among cattle at Westbourne, said to be blackleg.

Last Wed evening, Miss Cory, daughter of Mr. Cory, our county clerk, was married by Rev. C. R. Littler, to Mr. Creery, a resident farmer. The ceremony, which was performed in Church of England fashion, was witnessed by a large number of invited guests. Not being sufficiently skilled to describe the interesting ceremony or the dresses of the ladies, we can only say the ladies looked their prettiest. After business comes pleasure, it is said, as the guests immediately sat down to a sumptuous spread, to which they did ample justice, considering the faiguing occupation they had been engaged in of helping to see the knot tied. There must have been upwards of 70, besides children. After a chat and a congratulatory shake of the hand, wishing the newly-married couple a prosperous voyage on the sea of matrimony, the older and staid part of the company left for their various homes leaving the younger members to indulge in music,

dancing, etc. to their heart's content. Being a good mile from the centre of town caused no one to be disappointed, as rigs were provided to bring and take away the guests. We all wish them health, happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Doherty has shipped a carload of oats and one of potatoes this week.

The sale of lands last Monday amounted to about \$1600.

Mr. Murdoch, jun., Birtle Observer, was in town last Friday. He was on his way west.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley, of Winnipeg, were visiting Mr. Best, our teacher here, last week.

It is reported that Sir John A. will pass through Gladstone on Sat., the 28th inst. The train will stop for a short time, so take advantage of it and go and see the premier of our Dominion.

Parties wishing patents will save themselves a trip to Minnedosa if they have their applications and witnesses on hand, as the lands commission department will send a homestead inspector here in a few days.

The M. & N.W. have put a refrigerator car on. It will be a boon to the merchants. They are also increasing their plant, as they are getting new box cars & cabooses and a couple of engines, it is said. They are evidently preparing for the fray, as the farmers along the line hope to give them something to do in the shape of handling a good sample of grain this fall.

We received a splendid bouquet last Wed. from Mrs. Murdin. She must be an enthusiastic florist, as from all accounts her flower garden is a treat to see. Not being skilled in the pleasurable occupation of raising flowers (raising cane being ours) we cannot go over the different varieties she mentioned: She has a white mignonette, said to be rare here, which is two feet in height, 14 inches of it being taken up with the flower. It would be a good educator if more of our farmers would have a flower garden around the house. It would attract the eye of the visitor and also give more of a home-look to the farm.

The notorious George Woods has again been at his trade of horse-stealing. This time he took advantage of Mr. McAlpine's absence last Sunday, who had gone on a visit that day. He was noticed in the forenoon going down by the track, but suspicions were not aroused till Mr. McAlpine came home at night, who immediately followed him to the Portage, and got a detective to aid him in his search. He was captured Tuesday. G. W. may thank his stars that he is in Manitoba instead of the Western States, where usually a piece of rope is the only expense for such characters. As he appears to be unable to resist stealing, would it not be advisable to put him in a reformatory and make him work

for an honest living. It would be no crime to restrain such an individual's liberty. From yesterday's Free Press we notice that the horse thief was captured by provincial policeman Corrigal at Baie St. Paul.

RAILWAY DEBENTURES

To The Editor:

Sir: I see from the last issue of your paper that my political opponents are still dragging the handing over of the railway debentures into the canvass. Mr. McCaskill's letter is deserving of notice because it is over a genuine signature.

In the first place: I did not say in my former letter that I went to Mr. James for advice as to handing over the debentures. I went to him for advice as to my duties as a trustee. This was some months before the debentures were handed over.

Secondly, Mr. McCaskill says that Messrs. Smalley, Logie and Morton were sent down by the council to Winnipeg, etc. This is not correct as a perusal of the minute book will show.

At a special meeting of council held 23rd, Aug. 1882, a committee consisting of Messrs. Smalley and Logie were appointed to confer with the railway company on the right-of-way. At another special meeting held 2nd Sept., 1882, the powers of the same committee were extended, as follows: "If satisfied after obtaining legal advice and having sufficient guarantee from the railway company, to be empowered to request the trustees, holding said debentures in trust, to hand over to the railway company the debentures, but to retain interest on same, due 19th Nov. 1881, and 9th May, 1882, for further consideration."

Mr. McCaskill was not present at this second special meeting, and so can have obtained his information from hearsay only. I was not sent down by the council at all. I was requested to go down by Mr. Orton, the general-manager of the railway company to be on hand in case the committee of the council should request the trustees to hand over the debentures. The railway Co. paid my expenses for the trip—\$30.

As I said in my last letter, the committee appointed by the council, after having obtained legal advice from Messrs. Walker & Andrews, did request me to sign an order for the debentures.

I am prepared to answer any questions on the matter either in the paper or on the platform, but I most strongly object to the political capital that is made of the matter behind my back.

Yours,—T. L. MORTON.

(Readers may be a little confused by the different spellings of "McCaskill," this being the right one of course. The other "McCaskills" did not arrive here until 1887).

FRIDAY, AUG. 27th, 1886:

Mr. Wm. Williams has been appointed bailiff.

Mr. Burns, cattle-buyer, Portage, is around hunting up cattle and hogs.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. Ferguson is sick.

Mr. S. T. Wilson started out with his steam thresher Tuesday.

The landscape is being dotted with grain stacks.

Mrs. D. Cameron is in from the lake on a visit to her friends here. Mr. Wm. Rintoul also.

Messrs. Logie, W. McKelvy & Nicol went down to Wpg. this week as delegates to the conservative convention which was held there.

Ferguson's bridge has a bad hole or two on the covering. They should be seen to, otherwise damages will ensue some of these dark nights.

From latest accounts we see that the creditors of the Portage have opened negotiations with them. It is to be hoped that it will result in permanent good to both parties.

Mr. Burpee is the first herbabout who has given the threshers a show. He threshed out some wheat which he had in stock, Tuesday, which was interrupted by the rain of Wed., resuming again yesterday. It is a first-class sample. He thinks it will go 18 bushels to the acre.

A testimony to the stock-raising facilities possessed by the county, as well as the rapidity with which the industry is being developed, is the fact that not very far apart from each other, near Woodside, Messrs. Claxton and Galloway have cut hay, the former for wintering close to 200 head, the latter 100 head of cattle.

Mr. Jos. McAlpine threshed his wheat this week, which brought him 110 bushels off two acres. This may appear to be stretching it; but, as he has three acres leased, one being in roots, it must be so. Credible witnesses can vouch for its truthfulness. The land has been used for growing 'tatics and garden stuff for several years past, which may account for its unusual yield.

We have received the following: "The Mound," Westbourne, Aug. 24: Many thanks for your kind wishes in your last issue. I am glad to say that so far none of the imported herd has been affected by disease; in fact, it was increased Sat. by the birth of a thoroughbred heifer calf. Yesterday the fine herds of the Messrs. Lynch, Morrison, Puxley and the Stewarta, were in good health. Some young beasts in the parish have died principally calves. Strict quarantine is

being observed and we hope to have a clean bill of health soon.—William Rhind.

Last Tuesday was a scorcher; 100 degrees in the shade and 120 in the sun, being rather unusual in the last week in August. The air felt as if we were being subjected to a hot blast from a furnace. Next morning it thundered some, causing a smart shower or two of rain to fall in the forenoon, which delayed stacking, as it kept dull and foggy most of the day, but cleared up yesterday, bringing with it a nice cool breeze. Such great heat is apt to bring a big windstorm, but we did not appear to be within their circle, as we have been only subject to two of any account in 15 years, and these did not embrace a wide

area. Perhaps our lowness of situation as a country, as well as a natural inborn lowness of disposition, keeps us, like the coolest violet, safe from the turmoil and devastation which belongs to more elevated climes, or climbers.

The mill is getting an overhauling, preparatory to handling this year's crop. Good flour now will delight the farmers' wives, as there is no frozen grain this year, thank providence.

A meeting was held in Andrews' Hall last Friday evening for the purpose of preparing an address for presentation to Sir John A. Macdonald, who was passing up the line the following day. (*Besides this, the Age has a full account of the event itself, well over a column of type*)).

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 3rd, 1886:

Gladstone school opened last Wednesday.

Slaughter of the "innercents" commenced Wednesday.

Hudson's Bay land examiners are around these parts.

The nights are lengthening. What is our library committee doing towards enabling us to improve our intellect?

Mr. Doherty shipped a carload of grantees this week for Mr. Burns, of Portage, some of which weighed 500 lbs.

W. S. Bailey & Co., Gladstone, will keep two or three grades of Portage flour for sale.

Mr. G. H. Sproul, Portage, agent for Singer Sewing Machine, was doing business around here this week.

We are happy to record that everything was found all right by the inspector in Richmond postoffice. It is impossible to please everyone.

We are sorry to hear that the papers of Aug. 30th for Mekinwin postoffice did not reach their destination. We cannot account for it.

Construction plant is going east as the grading is done. Bridging and ironing is being rapidly pushed. The M. & N.W. apparently believe in doing work in a seasonable time.

The McGregor school started last Tues. with Miss Aikenhead as teacher. The school is open for 12 months. The sooner this plan can be universally adopted

the better progress the children will make.

Mr. D. Broadfoot, we notice, has been recommended for a second-class certificate if he attends the five-months normal session in Winnipeg which begins in Nov. Let "Excelsior" be your motto. Miss Findlay has secured a 3rd class certificate.

Mr. McLeod will preach in McGregor, Gladstone and Silver Stream at the usual hours Sunday. As this is his last Sunday with us we hope to see all turn out as a fitting tribute to our earnest missionary whose stay has been altogether too brief among us.

No meeting of council last Wed.; couldn't muster a quorum. A special meeting will be held Tuesday as business of importance is to be transacted. City fathers will "govern" themselves accordingly, if they mean to govern us. Eight s-h-a-r-p.

Geo. Woods, horse thief, has been sentenced to 3 yrs. and 10 months in the prov. penitentiary.

(Editorial) . . .

DOW GRADE

In retiring our honorable member from the larger office of minister of public works to the subordinate post of provincial secretary, which he first held, does the govt. lend any force to the prophetic utterance which a very old sympathizer of his made on first hearing it, that "as he commenced there, there he will end."

It appears to be a tortuous road to the premiership, though thoroughly in keeping with all his course.

Why when they were at it did they not give him the opportuni-

ity, and it needed only a short one, of extinguishing at once and for ever the present govt., by dubbing him provincial treasurer. The same course there which has characterized his administration of the public works department—if the way he has gone about it here is any exemplification—should have not a bit too soon perfected “that consummation so divinely to be wished.”

RAILWAY DEBENTURES

To The Editor:

Sir: Mr. Morton's letter has given some light on the debentures, for which, I am thankful, but would like him to tell me a little more by answering a few questions. Was he the trustee appointed by the council under the by-law to hold the debentures until the road was finished in the way the by-law said? Was it not clearly said in the by-law that the trustees were not to give up the debentures unless the road was finished and station got up by a certain day? Had he not power to keep the debentures from the company if they did not do the work as the by-law said, even if Mr. Logie and Mr. Smalley and others would want him to give them up? Did he give the debentures up because it was for the good of the county or because others told him? Would it not have been far better for him, as trustee for the county to have taken advice from a meeting of the ratepayers than to have run to Winnipeg, when the railway company paid his trip to give them the debentures. He refers to some legal advice given him by Walker & Howard. I would like him to tell us thro' your paper what that advice was. Was he not advised by a lawyer that he had no right to give up the debentures?

These are a few facts which a man of such intelligence as Mr. Morton is said to have, should know about, and until he is able to prove that he was forced to give up the debentures, I must repeat that had he done his duty as trustee we would not now have such heavy railway tax to pay.

As to the special meeting of council, it must have been a hole and corner one. I never heard of it until it was over. I am told that the warden only knew of it on Friday and it was held on Saturday following, and I think that Mr. Morton ought to have had enough sense, even if he was going to allow himself to be led by the council, to wait until there would be a chance for a full meeting and find whether all were in favor of giving up the debentures or not. We know that some were opposed to it, and before he left for Winnipeg a councillor told him not to give them up. What good a bountiful in-

telligence if the man can be turned right and left?

DONALD McASKILL
Sept. 1, 1886.

(This time the signature appears as above, whether a mistake of the printer or what. The map in the last booklet shows his lands registered under “Donald McCaskill” though Moodie and others all through the earlier Ages used “McCaskill” almost always, it seems.—But, to more important things, like bitter political battles, neighbor against neighbor, etc., a lot of ink was thrown back and forth, with poor John Moodie shouldering the work. But at least the proprietors of the paper were very fair in giving both parties equal space (a generosity of spirit rare in those days). However, as the immortal bard said, “There are sermons in stones, and good in everything,” so in elections, too, especially for historians. Witness so much long-concealed data being raked up by the mud-slinging)).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10th, 1886:

(Editorial) . . .

Mr. Morton's letter should satisfy the electors. It shows the council was forced to give up the debentures. The only thing that they should have done before giving them up was they should have consulted the people first. This would have cleared their skirts entirely. Unless there is anything new on the subject about them, we will take the liberty of giving them a rest until later on. What's done can't be undone. If there were no devil to lead us astray, we would not know what temptation was. Mr. Morton's letter shows very convincingly how Mr. Brown's fingers were itching to close up on the debentures long before the work was done. We suppose this was “conscientious & honest” service in behalf of constituents.

LOCALS

Mr. Bailey has shifted his bank from the Andrew's block to his own house, nearly opposite the postoffice. ((Edwin Rose's post-office then was next to Dean's IXL Hardware, on the lots now occupied by the big Municipal bldg. Bailey's “house” could be what was formerly the L. Dunning dwelling (still there on the corner of Broadfoot & Morris) probably then recently acquired by the bachelor banker in one of his many devious dealings.))

We hear that Mr. Herron is ploughing a foot deep. There are splendid crops up north, though it would not be wise to try to give an average to the aere, as the thresher will be more accurate.

Mr. L. G. Henderson, of Wpg., was in town this week. He was getting information for the dir-

ector and gazetteer which his father is going to publish in Winnipeg soon. ((Henderson's Directory became quite an authoritative book in the businessman's world, all down the years, until recent times. Also, in our little shop we still have a small machine rescued from the Chicago-based firm that took them over 25 years ago)).

There was quick time made last Sat. by a team of cattle. One of them being a steer, tried to stir himself so as to get rid of the yoke, but, like a good many more of us, he found that the yoke did not hurt half as bad when taken patiently.

The bridge below Mustard's over Silver Stream isn't safe to cross. There is a foot and a half of water in the bed of the creek, gathered from the late rain. The councillor should see to it. We would not care to cross it unless on the bridge, as its mud is rather tenacious.

Mr. Boyd brought into our office last Friday two potatoes which weighed 5-lbs. There were 3 others in the hill of a good size also. They were planted on the 12th of June and lifted on the 30th of August. We may well say to our poor brethren in the old world, “Come over and help us to get away with nature's rich providing.”

Mr. Foster showed us last Friday a piece of ice which he had got out of his well. He thought he had still about two feet of it yet to spare. If he had been wide awake during our hot spells he might have made his fortune by charging so much to his broiled citizens for the privilege of sitting on ice, even though at the bottom of a well. As truth is said to be at the bottom of a well we might also have had some rubbed on us by contact. We would not in that case have been inclined to fight shy of it.

We hear that Mr. Bachelor has got splendid potatoes. In fact potatoes, though not a big crop, are very dry and mealy here this year.

Quite a gathering met at Mr. Broadfoot's Monday evening to bid adieu to Mr. McLeod. The time was occupied with duets, solos, addresses & readings. Towards the close an address was presented to Mr. McLeod, together with a purse of \$40, to which he responded stating that during his stay amongst us he had spent a happy time in Gladstone and vicinity. After reading a passage of scripture and prayer all went to their homes delighted with the evening's entertainment. (We are indebted to Mr. Dean for the above, as we were unable to be there). Seeing that Mr. McLeod has left us we have the more liberty to speak behind his back. For our own part, and we may say for the whole of those who have listened to his ministrations and enjoyed his fellowship, his absence has left a void

which will be very hard to fill. Coming, as he did, fresh from rubbing with thinking minds, both of the past and present, he has given us a by no means clear idea of his scholastic ability and aptitude for the highest and most ennobling calling, which it is the privilege of man to engage in. His zeal in his Master's service makes him take all out of himself he can. We auger for him a bright and useful life, if providence sees fit to spare him.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A Public Meeting of the citizens will be held Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., in Andrews Hall, at half-past 7 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the financial affairs of the town.

By Order of Council,
J. L. LOGIE,
Mayor.

MR. MORTON'S REPLY

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: Two letters appear in your last issue signed respectively Donald McAskill and Jas. Findlay.

In reply to the first I would say that I was appointed by the council as one of 3 persons to hold debentures in trust for the council and the railway company. I was as much trustee for one of the contracting parties as for the other, and was in the same position as the holder of any stake in a competition or race, the parties being the council and the railway company. If these parties agreed to any terms, the trustees could only acquiesce in their agreement. The conditions in the by-law would be ultra vires if there was an agreement between the contracting parties. In case of a disagreement, the trustees then could have used their own judgment. I was not appointed by the people but the council, and had the trustees failed to carry out the requests of both council and railway company they would have been liable to an action of law. My last letter explained the appointment of the delegates by the council and their subsequent action.

I believe it would have been proper for the council, owing to their responsibility to the people, to have taken advice from them at a public meeting, but what is the use of the council having lawyers if they do not follow their advice, which in this instance was to request the trustees to hand over the debentures, get an indemnity from the company and avoid a law-suit. The delegates followed the advice of their solicitors and obtained notes for \$5,000 from the railway company as indemnity for not being quite up to time.

I never went to Andrews and Howard myself for advice, as Mr. McAskill states. It was the delegates who went, and that advice was read at a full meeting of council held Sept. 26th, 1882,

Mr. McAskill being then present, and should still be among the clerk's papers.

I would distinctly tell both writers that I never blamed either of the delegates for their action on the matter. They simply carried out the instructions of the council and followed the advice of the solicitors. Does any one say that the railway does not come up to the conditions of the by-law? It did not at the time while in the hands of the old company, but they refunded \$5,000 and gave a guarantee that the conditions would be fulfilled by the new company as soon as possible.

Mr. Findlay's letter is replete with personal abuse and malicious slander, he should learn that abuse is not argument; and he plainly shows what an extremely weak cause he is trying to bolster up when he descends to such a course.

The very idea of my being appointed trustee by “act of parliament” for the people is most amusing, and betrays his ignorance of the question. Will Mr. Findlay produce a copy of the said, “act of parliament” at the next political meeting? What Mr. Findlay says—that “all the Smalleys and Logies in the Dominion could not have forced (me, he says, I suppose he means the trustees)—to give up the debentures, but the mighty hand of the law would, as the solicitors told the delegates.

Mr. Findlay no doubt judges others by his own standard when he talks of “tool and puppy.”

The statement that I polled a faggot vote for Mr. Black at the Portage, and swore at Westbourne that I was a qualified voter, are both gross and malicious falsehoods. I still hold the property at the Portage that I voted on in 1882. The scrutineer informs me that I was not sworn at Westbourne at all. I am not positive myself of the fact, and even if I had been, there was no oath of qualification to take such as Mr. Findlay refers to. The oath read as follows: “You swear that you are the person whose name is entered on the list of electors now shown you,” 41 Vic, cap 5, sec. 30, or consolidated statutes, page 42.

I thought Mr. Findlay's opposition to me was because he is tied and bound hand and foot to party; in fact has altogether lost his identity as a man, and has evolved himself into a mere working and voting machine, but it now seems that he has another reason, viz., that I was one of three trustees who gave up debentures at the request of the contracting parties, but still he will vote for the man who repeatedly tried to get the debentures months before they were handed over, even before there was a foot of iron purchased or a mile of grade completed.

This letter ends the correspon-

dence on this subject as far as I am concerned. The platform is the proper place for discussion on the matter.

Sept. 9, 1886. T. L. MORTON.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17th, 1886:

Mr. Doherty went to Wpg. this week on business.

Mr. Sharp and son, of town, have taken up places in Woodside. ((The son was postmaster there until fairly recent years)).

The weather is giving us a foretaste of what its intentions are soon to be. The “obnoxious” gales are on the rampage.

Surveyor McFadden, of Neepawa, has been around these parts for this week back.

When one of the library committee men was asked how about these books, his answer was “Go to pot!” Queer. Will any one take up the cudgels?

Will the council put its by-law in force to prevent the railway running trains thro' the municipality Sundays?

The restaurant at the station has been plastered and some of it painted. The inside work, as doors, etc., is being rushed ahead. It will likely be ready about the first of next month.

We hear that our judges as well as visitors from a distance intend to be with us on Show Day. We hope that our exhibitors will show them somethings that will amply repay them for the visit.

If a person utilizes what they have they will never come to want was exemplified the other day around town in seeing a natty “ox without horns” being made to do duty as a horse between the shafts of a buggy.

Members of the English church held a meeting in Andrews' Hall last Friday night to see about building a frame church. A subscription sheet has been opened & plans are being readied for a church to cost about \$800((?)), which is to be ready for service in the spring.

English Church services for September will be as follows: Gladstone at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the 19th; Silver Stream, 3 of the same day; Tupper at 11 a.m. of the 26th; Gladstone, 6:30 evening. Sunday School at the parsonage every Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will hold their bazaar and lunch tables in the Revere House (that Mr. Herron generously placed at their disposal) on Show Day. Their bazaar will open at 10 a.m. when useful and fancy work will be exhibited. Their lunch table will be excellent and moderate in price. As the ladies are doing all they can to help the church, we bespeak for them a liberal patronage.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24th, 1886:

(Editorial)

Ratemayer's letter re bonusing will have to be acted on by the councils at once. He quotes the law which is clear enough on the subject. They have given exemption from taxation for 20 years to any one running a grist mill for six months of the year in the county. He shows by the act that they have exceeded their powers. It remains for them to see that the right way is adopted if exemption is to be granted.

(Editorial) . . .

Dead Lake settlers are no doubt indebted to political stress of weather for a very necessary piece of ditching which Messrs. McAchaney, of Palestine, have secured the contract for from the late minister of public works, & which they are now busy with. Those who had any experience of the wet seasons here will remember very well the rascally piece of willow scrub which commenced just below where Mr. J. McAchaney's sr. house stood, which used to be such a harbor for snow, and whence the spring & summer floods used to spread themselves over some of the finest land in that part. From that point for a quarter of a mile or thereabouts down they are cutting a ditch the dimensions of which are 12 feet at the top, 6-ft. at the bottom with an average depth of from 3 to 4 feet, according to the level, which will greatly lessen the danger of further damage accruing from any subsequent high water.

LOCALS

Mr. Church representing W. E. Sanford & Co., drygoods, Wpg., was in town this week pushing business.

A settler from Qu'Appelle district, with a lot of stock, passed through here this week on his way to Lake Manitoba. He had to leave, as he could not get hay within 60 miles of his location. He had his hay accordingly put up at the lake where he intends to winter them. "Go West," is about played out.

At the Agricultural meeting last Sat. the following were appointed as committees on arrangements of the various classes: Cattle; Messrs. Herron, Attrill & Budge; Sheep & Pigs: Mr. Jas. Broadfoot; Horses: Messrs. Jamieson and Waters; Grains, Roots, etc.: Messrs. Logie and Andrews; Poultry: Mr. P. Broadfoot; Ladics' Work: Messrs. Mason and Logie.

The Sunday train which we called attention to last issue is the workmen on construction returning to the front from Portage, to which they are brought down on Sat. night. Also the engine, being all week at the front, requires to go into the shop to get an overhauling.

Some from here who have taken grists to the Portage Milling Company's mill complain bitterly of the poor return they get in shorts, flour or bran. Is 30 lbs. of flour to the bushel all that No. 1 hard will bring to the farmer? If so, how much more are they entitled to get? A farmer from here did not get 35 lbs. to the bushel and docked of a bushel of grain as well. Till this is made clear we would advise our farmers to give the Portage Milling Co. the go by. This mill must be paying well as we understand it declared a dividend of 12 percent lately.

We hear that some of our farmers are mooting the starting of a farmers' elevator here by each taking so many dollars worth of shares in it.

Our sports are meeting with fair success in their gunning expeditions.

Rev. Mr. Kelly will preach in the various Presbyterian districts Sunday.

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of a complimentary ticket to the provincial exhibition at St. Boniface.

Mr. Scribner, inspector of railways, in his official car, had a trip over the M. & N.W. this week.

Threshers are doing quick work this season on account of the short straw and dry grain.

Mr. Harry McGill showed us an excellent sample of wheat

this week; also Peter Moir. We expect to see the judges put on their mettle to adjudicate the wheat prizes this year.

M E K I W I N

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: I noticed in some of your latest papers that the county council, and the town council, are offering to exempt from taxation for a number of yrs. some mill or mills, which sent me thinking how they could do so, and in looking up the set of 1884, which is still the Municipal Act, I find in sec. 124, clause 5, page 48, the following:

"To aid local industries by way of granting bonuses or exemption from taxation for any number of years;" and in sec. 126, page 48, is the following:

"Such by-laws shall be submitted only on a petition of one-fourth of the duly qualified resident voters under this act, or upon the company or promoters of such railway or local industry depositing with the treasurer of the municipality such a sum as shall be amply sufficient to cover the expense of submitting such by-law to the vote of the ratepayers."

Then by sec. 129 (which see) it requires three-fifths majority to carry such by-law.

In defiance of the act, are our councils going to pass or be allowed to pass such by-laws?

A. RATEPAYER.

printing office will oblige us by removing it at once. We do not require it this season, nor do we intend to give it such a roosting-place till haying comes round again, as it is in a rather dangerous place these dark nights for broken bones.

Who says the restaurant at the station is to be opened with a grand supper and ball, when manly beauty and feminine grace will add scintillating or sparkling lights to the lamp-lit hall? This is copy which a printer is le(a)d to foll(y)ow.

Mr. J. J. Stewart arrived home from Wpg. this week where he had gone to have an operation performed on a swelling on his head. We are sorry to hear that he has not been able to do anything since harvest. We hope he may be all right again soon, as he is one of our most progressive farmers.

Mr. Brown, with a few of his friends, was at the lake last week, we are told. Object: laudably informing his new enfranchised constituents the great privilege which he has been the means of getting conferred upon them, and all through extreme solicitude for their cut-off or lonely condition in not being allowed the rights which every British intelligent subject has the right to enjoy, but not to influence them in their vote - no, no, never!

We saw a specimen of salt this wk. made at the Salt Plains, Woodside, by Mr. J. Knox, of this place. It was very strong and fine, though dark, due to want of appliances to separate the mud from it. We have no doubt that a boring machine would unearth lots of salt. Capital - try it.

The court did not take up much time last Friday, the cases hearing few. We wish the cases were so "beautifully lean" that he would have nothing to do but wish the court good morning.

Believing, as we do, that it is only right to give praise where praise is due, we heartily commend the utility of the drainage laid out by Mr. McFadden in the Dead Lake and Pine Creek settlements. We learn that the ditch from Woodside to Dead Lake has now been properly connected east of Mustard's with the lakes. At Mustard's bridge the drain mentioned by us in our last issue is being rushed to a finish and will do a vast deal of good. West of the cemetery the brush is being cleared out and several obstructive points are being cut through, so that when the high water next comes, we

will have a proper safety valve through the Dead Lake to Woodside.

Mr. Brown's mill is being taken down preparatory to being hauled to Westbourne, where it is to be set up. As it has been so long with us we shall miss it, even though it was only a stop-

This morning (Friday) the air is freer of smoke than we have had it for some time.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Dunning, whose wrist was cut by the mower knife falling on it, will soon be all right again.

Mr. Andrews, of this place, received prizes for his poultry. His Chinese geese were particularly noticed by the people at the exhibition; and the papers also.

We call attention to the advertisement for work to be let by auction next Wed. near the graveyard, by Coun. Broadfoot

There is much grumbling here among the merchants at the way their freight is delayed, being 10 days or a fortnight behind time. The C.P.R. is blamed for it.

The corner store (Andrews block) has received a consignment of first-class teas, price 50 to 60c; granulated sugar, 11 lbs. for \$1.00; also barrels of winter apples. (Advt.)

We are all busy these times with ditching. It's a crying evil that election times do not come every six months, as then we could dig a ditch to Hudson's Bay and so paddle our own canoes, like the Hollanders, to the seaboard.

Hon. C. P. Brown's mill was put on board the cars this week for Westbourne. . . .

FRIDAY, OCT. 15th, 1886:

Death: At Golden Stream, on the 4th inst., Mrs. Lloyd, Sen., aged 76.

Mr. Jamieson, Blake, received three prizes for his cheese at the provincial exhibition.

Among sufferers from prairie fires in the Squirrel Creek district we hear the names of Messrs. Mawhinney & Menzies; Cartwright also mentioned.

Mr. Chandler, of McGregor Township, got half a bushel of potatoes from a seedling about the size of his thumb-nail.

Rev. Mr. Smith will occupy Rev. D. Stalker's pulpit in the various stations till the latter gentleman comes back.

Last Sat. a special went west with Binseartha's prize cattle on board.

The voters' lists for town and county are printed.

A letter from Rev. D. Stalker, just a fortnight from date of writing, shows how near the center of this continent is getting to the old world. In it he speaks hopefully of returning health, & intimates he is now able to turn it to good account in collecting all the money he can for our purposes here

Our Fresh Voting Blood: The pilgrimage to the far north of our county so recently undertaken by Mr. Brown & his coadjutors has certainly borne fruit to satisfy, if the new voters' list on which for the first time there appear over 100 names of new voters between Sandy Bay and Manitoba Post, furnishes the correct account. . . .

Austin and Neepawa had their fairs last week.

Married: At Gladstone, on the

October 1886

FRIDAY, OCT. 1st, 1886:

TEACHER WANTED

Teacher wanted for Soudan School, with Second or Third Class Certificate, for November and December; perhaps longer. State salary expected. Male or Female. Address: Mr. G. H. Kerr, sec-treas., Florenta, P.O.

The Show has crowded out very necessary notices. Will appear next week.

Neepawa Show will be held 5th of next month.

The Provincial Exhibition is well represented from here, a number having gone to it.

Mr. Boyd has been hauling potatoes to Wm. Galloway, who intends shipping them west.

Mr. Mason, sec-treas. of the Westbourne Agricultural Society took some stuff down with him to the prov. exhibition. We hope

he will be successful in bringing back some prizes.

We hear that Mr. A. Dunning met with an accident by being pitched off a mower while cutting hay, and getting badly hurt. Hope it isn't that serious, or, rather, that it is only a rumor.

The voters' list for the county of Westbourne contains 837 names, according to the enumerator, who are entitled to vote for members of our provincial parliament.

Hon. C. P. Brown was with us on Show Day. It's a fact, for the P. D. shooks hands with him. This, for those who wot not that we can. Will it be a precursor of a storm?

A settler from the Beautiful Plains county, with his belongings, passed thro' here this week bound for the Portage Plains, where he intends putting down his stake, as he does not like the Beautiful Plains district.

The party or parties who left an old mower at the side of the

12th inst., by Rev. W. Kinley, Mr. S. McKelvy, to Mrs. Rose, widow of John Rose, both of Gladstone.

Mayor Logie lost his pony last Sunday through trying to jump his picket fence, on which it got impaled. The wounds were sewed up all right, but internal hemorrhage caused it to bleed to death.

The Hudson's Bay Railway started last Sat., which made our boys around here so glad that they started right away to have a hand in the building of it. We wish it and them all success.

Hooping cough is prevalent here just now.

Rumor has it that elections will take place about the first week in December.

Hon. C. P. Brown, with mistress and baby, drove into town from the east on Monday.

The hall was well filled last night to hear the speakers, very few leaving until 2 a.m. when it was finished.

Men and teams were fighting five vigorously the latter part of last week in McGregor twp. We have no report of any damage being done, but the fine McGregor bridge was in danger at one time.

Death: At Golden Stream, on the 14th inst., Joseph Arthur, aged 11 months and 16 days, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd.

We would be obliged if our readers would send us news of anything that is interesting or useful to know. Never mind the composition or spelling; we will try to fix up all right.

We purposed giving the notes of the speeches of last night and this morning in this issue, but finding it would make us miss the mail today, we were reluctantly compelled to hold them over till next issue.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22nd, 1886:

To The Electors,
County Westbourne.

Brother Electors: Bon jour! Ho! Chief Ate-Dead-Dog speaks! I want to be reeve and get shuniah. Vote for me! Old Ugly-Tooth wants to be reeve. Hin bad Injun! I sold scrip; gave up treaty. INGLISS GENTLEMAN now; can buy whisky, want shuniah.

Brown, he vote for me; I vote for him. He nice man! He kiss my papoose. Little Grey-Back, my squaw (Ingliss lady now) had papoose last week. We call him "Logie-McGregor-Brown". A te-Dead-Dog. Nice name, eh? He got three shuniah mugs, sure!

Brown nice man; he not Ontario man. He promise plenty! He tells me inside track, that I am boss ward one now, & solid vote here will boss the county! And ELECT HIM! If you make me reeve, I make new laws; no

schools; no taxes here; plenty grub; plenty shuniah; plenty whiskey. If you make me reeve, my friend Brown, he make me Assistant Railway Commissioner.

Plenty shuniah, free rides, whiskey, poker. I take my Tum-Tum on the cars. Norquay nice man! Play poker with him all day. You no make me reeve, paint GLADSTONE red some day, with plenty braves, plenty scalps — I have spoken.

Ave, "X", Dead Dog.
(his mark)
Sandy Bay Indian Reserve.
1886.

(The following long article is printed in its entirety for the sole reason of its historical value. From no one else but the editor himself are we likely to obtain the facts re the founding of the "Gladstone Age." We owe this to the politics of the day).

To make the matter plain, which will also show to all readers the nature of the only understanding we ever had with Mr. Brown, with which we were charged at a public meeting held here long ago—and which we explained at the time—by one among a number of common friends of his and ours implicated in it, we must commence at the beginning.

During the time—a year or more before the start of the "Age"—while we were in consultation with the community about it, and were giving the serious step all the thought it required, a rumor became current of Mr. Brown's purpose to make a third attempt at starting a newspaper here, and to find out the exact truth in this flesh difficulty in our way, on the advice of the above-mentioned common friends, the writer had a long interview with Mr. Brown on the subject at Westbourne, where he owned up to having bought in part a newspaper outfit, which he had entrusted to the charge of a Mr. York, a stranger to our community, whose acquaintance he had recently made in Winnipeg. In turn—taking for granted, which he didn't attempt to deny, that it was the expectation of our starting that had put him in the notion—the writer informed him of the truth, that the community was as nearly as possible a unit in their expression of the desire for us to proceed, and had promised all the help necessary to give it a fair send-off, adding, "Don't you think, Mr. Brown, that your interests would be as safe in our keeping as in the hands of a stranger whom the people have had reason to take the aversion to they have done?" He acknowledged that he thought they would and gave his word, after an ineffectual attempt to share in our prospective undertaking, that he would let Mr. York now paddle his own

canoe—sink or swim.

On further reflection, and before daylight showed on our proper course, we both thought it only fair in the circumstances to release him from his promise, and in the course of a letter to that effect the writer took occasion—it being our hitherto closest touching point—while acknowledging all the worth we ever did in him, to urge a course befitting the grave responsibilities a public life entails. His knowledge of us, whatever way our printing notion went, would certainly entitle him to expect that "straight roads" for the future would be sufficient guarantee of our willingness to blin out from our remembrance what had been decidedly in our view crooked parts in the past, and horrified at the plain though well meant talk one of our clod-hopping status had been giving to a minister of the crown, we apologized, putting the blame on the fact that our roads had met just then and we had felt like it.

We finally decided, as everybody knows, notwithstanding the storm of reproach we had to encounter for our cowardice, which the contention that though there might be a living for one paper there was none for two, and our promise, which we kept, to occupy the field, if they wished it, if ever it should be clear, was powerless to fend off, to leave Mr. York, who had his outfit on the ground, in sole possession; & on his reading the second or third issue of the "Gladstone News" we returned him the year's subscription—all of which save a few numbers, like a number more, we are out and likely to be—in a note wishing him good luck.

The above is as full and accurate an account of our understanding with Mr. Brown and its occasion as we can furnish.

And this is how we kept it. For over a year, perhaps longer, the exact time not being of sufficient importance to justify a search throughout our files for it, of our slow new life, which has not materially quickened much yet, Mr. Brown's actions, when they came in course in our columns, were always treated as much as possible away from the past, for though doubts would linger for which his past record afforded enough excuse, as to his sincerity in making the understanding with us, we were bound to give him the full benefit in fulfilling our part. It was not until the flagrant re-appearance of the self- and relation-seeking policy that had marked all his course here, that we opened on him. His brother-in-law, Mr. Smith's, tendered for \$8,000 ditching contract up north with all the odd things about it—one, then openly current, to recoup himself for an old debt, and other starting ones, our then banker, Mr. Bailey, could give the best account of—and his own

base betrayal of the interests of the town, involved in the station grounds proposal, submitted through Mr. Baker, general superintendent of the M. & N.W. railway, to a meeting of our principal men here, furnishing the first occasions. Our business being, which we have all along wished we could manage better—to look after the interest of the town and county, it was no part of it to submit to the right of our settlers to share in the public money expended here for ditching, being trampled under the attempt to saddle our already heavily burdened town with the needless expenditure involved in providing new station grounds to enrich him, when a sufficiency had long before been a free gift. If such acts, which are a fac-simile of what showed through all his course, as we have scanned it, decided us to have done with him, whose fault was it? The insulting charge of "personal animus," brought by men of whom we expected better things, is rather an insult to their own common sense, if they have any left.

We shall resume next week where we leave off, the political stir of last week having crowded out the balance.

(It is somewhat difficult in reading the above to get a good picture of it all. Our interpretation is as follows:

In the gap following the retirement from the field by Peter St. Clair McGregor (the second editor of "The Gladstone News," Mr. Main was the first), while the Moodies were looking into the advisability of starting the "Age," they were disturbed by rumors that Brown was backing someone for the third attempt. To find out for sure, Moodie met with Mr. Brown at Westbourne who admitted that this was so, and that Mr. York wanted to continue his old paper at Gladstone; admitting, too, that it was mainly to forestall Moodies' paper. After Moodie indicated that Brown had little to fear from their paper; and also that they were determined to start, having almost the total backing of the people, Brown backed down and promised to leave York to his own fate. But before doing so he propositioned Moodie about becoming a partner with them; which offer was turned down.

But it was the Moodies who backed down and let Mr. York start up, as he had everything on hand and was ready to do so. In advising Mr. York that he had the field the Moodies were accused of cowardice by many of their backers. However, they felt it was the sensible course to follow, as there were doubts that even one paper could survive, let alone two. And in making this decision they also thought it fair to advise Mr. Brown of their intention, thus relieving him of his promise not to help Mr. York.

In doing so the Moodies also assumed (or may have even stated) that any veiled promise made by them not to attack Brown in their columns was likewise to be dismissed.

However, after several issues Mr. York evidently gave up, and then the field was open to the Moodies. For a year or so, though many of Mr. Brown's manoeuvres irked them, they tried not to come out wholly in opposition, but finally could hold back no longer. Their duty was to the town and county, not to Mr. Brown and his henchmen.

We'll see what the next issue reveals. But we are very happy, at long last, to find out where Mr. York fits in; the only one left to account for now, in the long list of editors of the "Age" is the "lettered Patmore" if as such he ever did serve).

FRIDAY, OCT. 29th, 1886:

Communications too long; no room.

Rev. Mr. Jukes is around inspecting schools.

Mr. Troup, of Burnside, will preach in the Methodist church Sunday evening at the usual hr.

A band of horses came in to town last Sat. for sale. But not many were disposed of.

Mr. J. McAlpine had some harness taken out of his stable the other week. The party will do well to return it.

Mr. J. Knox, of Silver Stream, was stricken with paralysis last Sunday. The doctor was telegraphed for on Monday.

Mr. Oliver McCrae has painted his house both inside and out. The painter made a good job. The same individual is painting two rooms for Mr. Jamieson.

Mrs. A. G. Campbell, of Manitou, whose husband is in business there, is, with her children, on a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Broadfoot, of Palestine.

Mr. A. Lacky, of Totogan, has



DINING HALL & STATION — 1898
C. G. Clarkson operated it then for the M. & N.W.

sold out and gone to California. Likely as not he will get homesick and come back in a year or so to stay, having found out by experience that there is no place like Manitoba, and especially that part of it called Westbourne county.

MR. BAILEY'S DINING HALL AT THE STATION

We took a look through the restaurant this week and were agreeably surprised at the handsome building and the general air of comfort which it infuses into one. Its dining room, 28 x 25, with high ceiling and two ventilators, as also 3 windows to the south, 2 to the west and one on either side of the 2-leaved door, all having large lights and hung with chintz curtains; a nickel-plated stove and finely plastered walls. These give the traveller at once, from the brightness of his surroundings, to expect that if the proprietor has done so much to please the eye, he will not be behind-hand in gratifying the palates of his guests. . . .

BROWN - MOODIE - AGE (Continued)

Correction: We made a slip in last week's writing which did occur to us till too late for correcting. "Our then banker, Mr. Bailey," should have read, "Mr. Bailey, one of the two then banking partners here of Mr. Brown," which would have been the whole truth.

What, bearing on what we have written, has on the subject, can now be shown.

On account of the delay in starting the "Age" we have indicated, the boom-tide had made all it did about that time. Between the first and second subsequent years unmistakable signs of a thorough ebb were manifesting themselves here and elsewhere. And somewhere between these dates we think it was, for we did not keep exact note, we were made aware in the following way of a very determined attempt that was being made to induce Mr. Robinson, proprietor of the Portage Tribune, before

he amalgamated with the Marquette Review—at least it remains in memory in that connection—to remove his plant here for the purpose of starting another newspaper. A friend, one of the number to advise us in the direction we took, aware of our big stake in it—virtually our all—which was not panning out at all commensurate with our outlay, whom we had let into our gloomy anticipation of failure, for we had made up our minds to stop before the inability, which we had never met heretofore, to pay every man we owed one hundred cents on the dollar, overtook us, which meant loss enough, and who naturally felt some compunctions thereupon, broke to us bit by bit the information contained in the preceding sentence—our incredulity that any one pretending to business capacity whatever should think of starting a rival sheet in the circumstances, at least causing him to spread out the letter before us. But there it was, over Mr. Robinson's signature, to this certain effect, the capital opening that Gladstone afforded for starting a newspaper had been so dinned into his ears that to relieve his perplexity he wished to obtain a candid independent opinion. Continuing, the friend said, "somebody has been stuffing Mr. R. My purpose, however, in speaking as how to answer him, that I know well enough, but it appears to provide a way out of the business, if you have a mind to it, by which you may not be such losers, Mr. Robinson may be fair enough—though he does not mention it—to wish to take over all you have, not at what it cost you, but at sufficient to give somewhat of a start on the farm again." Our answer was to thank him for his considerateness and to assure him of our purpose to remain, within the limits set, at our post. One wish, uppermost at the start, had been, and continued to be, to be of some use in setting things to rights here that had been allowed to go so far wrong, and our small forlorn hope, if it failed, might make the task easier for others. Meanwhile our efforts would be prolonged in that direction as far as work and self-denial carried them.

Who had been the stuffer? The unbusiness-like proceeding and the fact of the coalescence shortly after of the conservative Portage papers, added to other insight satisfied us that Mr. Brown had been the man. The slightest hint of such a movement among our business men at that time, though there was a small one later on, never reached us; neither were we ever aware of Mr. Robinson's presence here on such business, consultations and solicitations, which were both used with us, both being totally ignored. The fact that Mr. Brown controlled "The Review" before and has the double sheet ever

since the amalgamation, pointed the same way; and this other, that he had already made three abortive attempts to run a paper in his own interests here, justified the reference to our extremely impersonal member.

Had he made a fourth open one it would scarcely have been as fair treatment of our small struggling concern as his third had received, inasmuch as ours had lived by that time longer than all his previous three put together had, and scurvy treatment of us, who had been among his best cash land purchasers, though the \$36.30, our exact share of printing for his late department, following use and wont everywhere else throughout the province to keep the Norquay govt. in power, might have budded into \$3,000 odd, which would have insured its existence beyond the stage of its chick predecessors. That would have been business. But otherwise it was no concern of his, as gentleman, representative or minister to interfere in a matter of this kind. A passage in his recent maiden political speech here, meant to be grandiloquent on his own account, read, "He was bound that no man should apply 'traitor' (to Norquay) to him. If our reference is correct, the word should back down his throat of its own accord, for such an act stamped him as traitor to one who had first hold on himself—if he ever had any respect otherwise than for his pocket.

Where the correspondence caught us, as it will every man deserving the name, was that he

should open it—whatever his object was—with those whose business he had tried to wreck. The "stale try-on" contained in the letter we published was not the reason of its publication; our indignation at having put past us printing which righteously, according to its own showing, belonged to us, with the flimsy excuses for it and other seeming insinuations contained in his "after-thought" letter, since published being what caused its appearance—as we said at the time. He wrote them, and in kind we answered them, all but the last, which having been received a year later, and thought to be the first of a second similar series, was never replied to. We shall now publish them seriatim as we can, with the assurance that nobody can find any fault with us for allowing him to speak for himself.

((This long write-up is disappointingly skimpy in historical information. However, its reference to the "Marquette Review" establishes it for a certainty as one of C. P. Brown's many subtle creations. Whether or not it actually existed as a printing plant here in Gladstone (we doubt), it does appear on an early map (see "Chapter '02" of the Glory Years). It was located on Dennis on the same corner as that occupied by the "old" Municipal Office (built in 1904). — It is of some interest to add that this building (lately vacant, like seven others in the two-block business section), was brought down Mon., Mar. 11th, 1985)).

would have realized \$160 last fall as 40c a bushel was offered for it. If stuff is seized for debt, is there no way whereby such ruinous costs and losses can be saved both debtor and creditor? We need this law of seizure & priority of claim a little better defined by our parliamentarians. It does not do to give scope to a dog-in-the-manger policy.

Mr. Newcombe's time being up, he has left the Wilson House, as the railway restaurant has taken away his occupation. Mr. Bailey has consequently his hands full, what with the care of the restaurant, the Wilson House & adjoining property to pay him for its investment. The P. D. could help him some by taking the liquor part of the hotel off his hands, as it is in his line, seeing as he is never satisfied unless he is kicking up a "devil of a din," and you "bet your sweet life" there is no danger of such ceasing as long as the fiery stream is poured down.

((As promised in last issue the editor publishes a series of letters between himself and Hon. C. P. Brown. They are most interesting reading, but the two long columns they take up is too much for this booklet already getting to the "too full" stage. However, this note will help anyone interested to locate them easily)).

FRIDAY, NOV. 12th, 1886:

Prairie fires are working their fierce will, high winds being a great aid.

A child of Mr. Arnold Williams was buried Sunday. ((It would be about 45 years ago, shortly after we learned that the old "Ages" were on file in the provincial library, and we had returned from gathering material from them, that we hurried down to see Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Williams, who as usual could explain things that were half obscured in the old papers. When we came to the above item an odd look came to his face and after a quick glance at his wife he said only, "it was a girl," and and we wisely turned on to the next item. It would have been their first child)).

Mr. Gallagher was after hogs this week. He cleared out quite a few.

Will the new municipal act be proclaimed next week? Or will the judicial boards be totally abolished?

Mr. J. Chambers is moving down to Winnipeg. We will miss him but duty has the first call. We wish him every success.

Messrs. McFadden and McGregor were at Sandy Bay last week "laying out lines," which are supposed to be weighted down soon with a heavy dusky catch. "My bleeding country save" is agonizingly apparent in

their laborious exertions.

The McGregor debating society will hold its first debate of the season on Friday, Nov. 19 Subject. "Resolved that fire is more destructive than water." Captains: Joseph Riddell (fire); John Duff (water).

Mr. A. Williams shipped a carload of his own wheat this week.

The boys who had been working on the Hudson's Bay Rly. got back last Friday & Sat.

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town this week. Elections must be "drawing nigh," seeing that he is paying his first-love so much attention.

A band of ponies for sale came into town this week, affording a good chance for farmers saving their legs in hunting up cows.

Several young men who have been sojourning with us this summer or so back, left this week in search of work. Their ultimate destination is Colorado, we hear.

Mr. Attwood, our station agent here, has been shifted to Shoal Lake. He got pretty short notice to pack up. Steam makes us move around very lively. One from Emerson supplies his place. Good fortune attend ye in your new quarters.

The old Queen's hotel, which has been an eye-sore so long, on account of its forlorn and dilapidated appearance, was sold this week for \$15 to Mr. George McCrae, of Palestine. He is taking it down to his farm to fix up buildings there. ((This rather infamous old building stood from early pioneer times on the corner of Sask. & Morris, the same spot as the present Gladstone Hotel. See picture in the March "1884" pamphlet)).

We hear that Mr. Brown has come to terms with Mr. Broadfoot about his mill. Mr. Brown does not take possession until spring when the present lessee's term expires. There will be nothing done towards putting in rollers this winter, as the weather is too cold for that kind of work. We can just look forward to having a roller mill by next harvest. That will be another step in advance. ((This is a most interesting item as it answers a few questions regarding this mill that was located 2 blocks north of the bridge on the corner of Morris & Fifth St. (where Bill Murdin lived for many years). It was known first as the Hatch Bros. mill (Wm. & Jas.). There are deeds still extant for all the transactions concerning this mill and property, up to and after its purchase by Rev. Wm. Murdin well after the building had been destroyed by fire in Jan. 1890. That purchase was made from Mrs. Jas. Broadfoot, her son John signing the receipts through until the title was turn-

ed over. — Now back to 1879. On March 13th of that year the Hatch Bros. borrowed \$2,048.45 (perhaps for the land from C. P. Brown). The mill was on lots 1 and 2, Blk. 8, "according to a map or plan of the said Town of Gladstone made by Cordon P. Brown, D.L.S., dated the sixth day of Feb. 1878 and registered in the registry office in and for the County of Marquette West." Messrs. John Goldie and Hugh McCulloch, of Galt, Ont., held the mortgage. In July 1879 the Hatch Bros. borrowed another \$5,000 to erect their mill, from George I. Browne, hotelkeeper, Wpg. With all that load to be paid in just three years (or else) it is not much wonder that by June 1882 the mill, etc., was up for bailiff's sale. A copy of this poster is extant and may be reproduced in this or another booklet. Besides it there are some 30 documents as proof of the legal entanglements concerning this property in the 25 years preceding its outright purchase by Rev. Wm. Murdin in 1904)).

The ladies of All Saints congregation are at work again preparing for another bazaar, which is to be held on Dec. 23 (Court Day). All articles for sale are sure to be at low prices, so that Gladstonians will have a good opportunity to buy their Xmas presents. There will be a concert in the evening, one feature of which will be the singing of several Xmas carols. The proceeds of both bazaar and concert will be devoted to the church building fund. The ladies are working indefatigably as they are determined to have their church built in the spring.

((It is election time and of course in those days a lot of dirty linen was brought out to flap in the hot breezes of burning rhetoric. Editor Moodie supported T. L. Morton and stated in his paper his intention to show in every way possible the true character of C. P. Brown. The following occurs a place in this history if for no other reason it concerns the original experience here of a later settler in Bear Creek district, a highly respected farmer. There may be a number of 'facts' in Moodie's statement as there was some connection between the Moodies & the Bruce families)).

At this time, which was the first of the wet seasons, a party arrived here from the old country with his wife & young family to settle on a homestead that had been taken up for them by friends, almost every acre of which he found more suited for breeding fish than for growing grain. After a most careful search for a better location, lasting into the spring of the following year (then the best time for the purpose) he pitched upon a vacant half-section, enough of which was deemed dry enough to risk throwing away his only

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FRIDAY, NOV. 5th, 1886:

Milk snakes down south. Farmers will have to stamp them out.

Hark, away! A brush wanted! Reynard is robbing some chicken roosts.

Mr. Gallagher was after cattle again this week. Prices are very low, still he has left in this district in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars.

Death: At Roseridge, Beautiful Plains, on the 3rd inst. Annie, wife of Jas. Ogston, aged 43 years, deeply mourned by a sorrowing husband and family.

Mr. Knox, of Silver Stream, who was struck with paralysis about a fortnight ago, died last Saturday. He was buried Monday.

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town

MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

IN THE

TOWN OF GLADSTONE,

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated 26th DAY OF APRIL, 1879, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be sold by Public Auction at the office of Walker & Andrew, Main Street, in the City of Winnipeg, by

F. H. FISHER, AUCTIONEER,

At the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of

Wednesday 18th March,

A.D. 1882, that fine property in the Town of Gladstone, in the County of Westbourne, and Province of Manitoba, being Lots 1, 2 and 27, in Block 8, according to a map or plan of the said Town of Gladstone, made by Corydon P. Brown, D.L.S., dated the 6th day of February, A.D. 1878, and registered in the registry office for the County of Westbourne.

Upon this property there is erected and in running order a large and valuable grist mill.

Terms made known at the time of sale, or on application to the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of February, A.D. 1882.

WALKER & ANDREWS,
Vendors Solici-

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remaining chances of homesteading on. The roads being at the time a sea to beyond Westbourne and the rivers running full with all the bridges swept away, prevented him from making the personal affidavit at the land office in Portage which was insisted on, but he sent down his ten dollars entry fee to secure it, with the intimation that just as soon as he could, he would. In the interval — Mr. Brown arrived here on a visit, the exact date being May 24th (the characteristic retentiveness of women's memories for dates fixing it) & turned his horse's head around next morning and script the land on his way back. The exhaustive journey a week or so after thro' water sometimes up to his middle with a night out in it, for he lost his way in the darkness while nearing home, had to be taken to ascertain the fact. Thoroughly discouraged he left for Ontario on the back of it. Why not take another? The experience of our old settlers will bear out the assertion: There was then not another in the whole neighborhood.

By that time Mr. Brown held more land stake round here than should righteously have fallen to any one man's share, at least of a new country. And when spoken to by the writer about the matter his answer (which was Brown all over), was to the effect that he was not aware that any one had entered it. The simple fact is that it was the casual remark made by one of the Messrs. Paul to him that they were having a new neighbor that impelled him to do the dirty deed!

We know of no greater tribute in the circumstances to the superiority of our province as field for immigration, nor no better illustration of the kind of immigrant we want, than the subsequent career of this same settler affords. After two years of Ontario experience he came back here, and to mention the name of George Bruce, of Livingstone, tells all the rest.

What of the half-section in question? It lies as nature left it.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19th, 1886:

(As this booklet has 17 pages of type already set up, and six issues yet to record, we have deliberated a bit before deciding whether or not to print the following; but if revealing factual history is the object of our efforts then the following two columns of type just have to be included. Readers may be inclined to put Moodie's lambasting of C. P. Brown down to either personal hatred or spiteful electioneering, or even a large dose of both, but for ourselves, from the revelations into the character, & the wheeling-dealings of Brown, there can be little doubt that to this hard-nosed, but fair-minded Scotsman, educated in the min-

istry and thus dedicated to its christian teachings of right and wrong, plus a personal desire to look after the interests of the little town & the big district, he was justified. It is our hope, too, (stated before) that such revolutions of history as here in our books depicted, will endue some later historian, more skilled than ourselves, to research deeper, and analyze better, the history of the town, and the character of its leading citizens, and in so doing reveal what we hold as our opinion, the noble character of this much-maligned man; and at the same time, perhaps, denote Mr. Brown to less heroic stature).

CONFIRMATION

So another of Mr. Brown's chickens has come home to roost. He had been the "stuffer."

Mr. Robinson's silence and last week's rotten-egging of the Manitoban which the perfectly "honest" weapons of our warfare kept even from specking, confirms it.

Only the call of more pressing matters, now that election day is out, compels us for the present to let the rascally libeller alone.

IN RETROSPECT

Briefly as we can we now set forth the chief of Mr. Brown's public acts here during the last 12 years, which will show unmistakably what constitutes the head and front of his offence—the steady pander to self in all, not in line with, but against, the general good, and the unconstitutional means; wherever he could took to gain his ends.

The great highway farce came first. He had acquired the property on which his part of the town stands; and to assure its value he started a petition which was hawked round the settlement by one of his employees to have the old serpentine half-breed trail which passed through it, confirmed as such by the Dominion authorities. To obtain signers he had to incorporate the making of a central road through Palestine and Livingstone townships to accommodate the then bulk of the settlers, which when he had attained he dropped.

Municipal Burdens

Two years ahead of any part of the province (save Springfield) he inveigled the county into carrying them, and at the meeting which started us in that capacity he was the one for the purpose of saving the expense of an election to propose the appointment of a committee to choose three councillors as this part's share of the council board, which was done, and whom the meeting unanimously voted into the office. In the interest of his land stake here the seats had scarcely time to cool after the dispersion before he succeeded in persuading two men to break

their word, which precipitated the county into all the heat and expense of an election contest.

The Postoffice Deal

At the time referred to, two places were contending for the prospective town site - Mr. D. Ferguson's corner and the present. Mr. D. Ferguson was postmaster, whose place was as near the centre of the then settlement as any could be. To obtain its removal to the other, some one had been tampering with Mr. Dewe, postoffice inspector, or so a letter received in reply to an appeal made on the subject to Hon. E. Blake, sets forth. At a meeting called to decide by majority of votes its location, which was as near an indignation one as could be, Mr. Brown must even yet wince at the recollection of the manner in which he and his gang of employees were received whom he had brought to record their votes. Any way the sorry figure he cut induced a faintness in him to drop postoffice matters for the time being which was refreshing; and who, by the way, louder in the denunciation of the unconstitutional procedure than Mr. Peter St. Clair McGregor.

Flood Times

More disastrous in its effect even than these was the course taken by Mr. Brown all thro' them. Instead of identifying himself heart and soul with the scheme, everyone's interest but his, which nobody using his eyes could help seeing to be the best remedy, viz., letting away from the river only as much water as would have insured no further overflow—a work of no great engineering ability—by the natural series of sloughs extending from Allan Bruce's place to the Dead Lake, and from its mouth by a channel of sufficient width through what was then, and is yet, hay land to Collins' Creek, which would have saved hundreds of acres of as good farming land as the sun ever shone on, from further damage, and the good name of the county to boot, he never raised a finger in it until the floods had accomplished all their full work, and which he had been dabbling at for the last month or two as an election dodge, when there was not such pressing necessity for it. Why? Because it conflicted with his own scheme, which long seething in his brain had by that time taken definite shape, as evidenced by the elaborate town plan deposited in due course among registry records, in proportion and detail worthy of the start of a second Chicago, but in the circumstances a work of the supremest folly, to make Gladstone the urn of this part of the universe, with himself—who but he?—a straddle it. And for this purpose even the floods had to be utilized because, according to one let into his secrets, by their aid it could be made a lake port as well! Thence commenced his series of high-

handed expenditures, the waste involved in which there are in town today those who can bear witness to, under one who, whatever his other qualifications, and we have all along shared in the general pride and hopefulness for their proper direction, was utterly worthless as a businessman—Mr. Peter St. Clair McGregor—which culminated, without ever once taking the county into consultation or allowing them a bid on their own lands, in the alienation for over 53,000 acres, the worst of which ought to be worth today more than the cost of the real work put on them, but they had to go to extricate a corrupt govt. from the financial fix that one of them had put them into to further his own private ends.

Portage and Westhorne Railway Fraud

This was the crown piece of his bad works. From the first it was only a pure speculation. The nameless company that started it had no funds, which Mr. Morton's exposure confirms, to build a wheelbarrow road, nor did they one much better. The way those land-sharks ran ahead of the line, among them chiefly our man—for witness his Westhorne, Woodside, Gladstone & Brownsville grabs in their eagerness to get the start of each other in acquiring property, whose value it would enhance, showed too clearly the kind of concern it was, and afforded material for the grimdest jesting had it not been that in our case too much of the serious was mixed with it. The whole thing would have deservedly gone to collapse, in fact had gone but for the base surrender at his instigation by the council, of the debentures—for what consideration will yet leak out—which let them out but kept us in, thereby effectually barring our chance of making any better bargain, which in the circumstances would have been only fair, with a proper company; he having pocketed, it is commonly reported, one-third of them as his share of the plunder. Even the surrender did not appease his insatiable appetite, for the meandering of the line across the river through his own property, which he, the managing director, was small enough to try to lay the blame on the contractor for, was meant to deprive his neighbors as much as possible of any share of the advantage, the cost to the town—\$1200—incurred in replacing the line where it was, to take advantage of the free station site, he being solely responsible for it.

Ditching

For the first years of his official life, the halcyon days of no beggarly tenders save an odd job thrown in the way of those, and such as those, the "fainely compact" had it all their own way, or rather, he had it all his, for their indiscreet tongues let out the fact as often as it oc-

curred of his paying them with what he liked. The decidedly further widening in this direction is not so old as the "Age," and is a consequence from it, which the following, made known for the first time, will confirm. It must have been in the next spring after our start that we had a call from Mr. Graham, brother of the land agent, who informed us he had just got back to resume his ditching contract, which would take him a year or two further to finish. That he had had any such contract was news to us, and we took the first opportunity to tell Mr. Brown what we thought of it, adding that a pretty stiff reference in regard to it had been inserted in that week's issue, which was lying in proof ready for correction, though we did not tell him so. This put him in a pucker, and on the strength of the assurance of his intention to let all ditching thereafter by tender, the notice was withdrawn and another substituted, giving him credit for the new deal. It is only fair to add that Mr. Graham never resumed his work, for, though he hung round between here and Wpg., for a time threatening exposure, his contract in his eyes being of the nature of a quid pro quo arrangement, the fact of his indulging in such language persons here will no doubt be able to subscribe to, though we never spoke to any one on the subject, he was finally got rid of at the expense possibly of a little public hold-up.

Land Stake

It is in keeping with the aim of this retrospect and in perfect propriety to make a similar reference to his large land stakes in the count. It is a point against any one occupying his position that he made it his business to become possessed of so much land, which the small moiety of under-cultivation strengthens, & the object apparently in view is acquiring some of it only to raise as much money on it as he could, the fate that has befallen most, if not every available inch of his lands, lends additional weight to.

LOCALS

Mr. Morton's committee rooms are in Mr. Budge's office. Open daily 10 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herron took in the Portage this week; also Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe.

Williams & Esson shipped their hogs this week. Mr. Gallagher took two carloads away.

Mr. Dickie, Blake, had a couple of stacks of oats burned by a spark from the engine last Saturday.

Mr. Brown came to town on Monday. Wonder if he is up for good - or ill - this time till after the elections are o-v-e-r. The P. D. is aw-fu-l-y anxious to know.

Messrs. McFadden and McGregor, our govt. ditchers and hedgers, should see about getting some willow scrub cut down at McAskill's place on Dead Lake, as it will cause snow to lodge and thus prevent the ditch taking off the water as quickly as it should in the spring.

We are pleased to hear that the M. & N.W. Railway Company has been successful in securing Mr. M. F. Hayden, as station agent for this town. He is a gentleman of experience, which along with his kind and obliging manner, will prove him an efficient officer and make him hosts of friends.—Com.

It is understood that the govt. has made arrangements for the future payment or rather the return of bonuses granted by municipalities to railway companies receiving aid. The payment will be made from the 3 percent of the gross earnings of the roads, which is to be paid to the govt. In this way some of the over-burdened towns may eventually be relieved.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26th, 1886:

We have given Mr. Morton our editorial space for his address, thinking that the electors would be better pleased to read it for themselves. . . .

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: No one can be compelled to work on that day if it is going to interfere with the exercise of his privilege of voting.

Mr. Riley, a former resident here, now of Salisbury, gave us a call this week. He says that Mr. Crawford is going in by a high majority.

We had a two-day blizzard this week, with some snow. The frost wasn't much but 'em north winds no feller can stand. They can tell a feller to his teeth and he has got to knuckle under.

Some of the ditching men have got their money. The rest will likely be paid soon. The P. D. delves steadily but turns up no money. If he were a "tother fellow" he might get some.

Mr. Brown held a political meeting in Mr. N. McLellan's house, Golden Stream, last Wednesday. Very few knew about it in town, but Messrs. Galloway and McQueen drove down.

(Both men spoke briefly, Mr. Galloway with a "no holds barred" effect. The following is how it appeared in the "Age").

Mr. Pool defended the govt., though weakly. Mr. Galloway then went without gloves for the hon. gentleman in a lively fashion, asking him if going to Mr. Morton's house at midnight to get the debentures so as to save his railway company from burst-

ing was what he considered helping the county? As we were all feeling hard times so much, he did not see the necessity of so much ditching being done now, as there was not so much need of it. The money might have been more profitably used, for it was only an election dodge. He (Mr. Brown) never looked near us but at election time, when he was not wanted. If he would come and have a quiet chat with us between elections to see what was wanted, it would be something like the thing. Mr. Morton was a man of his word, for when he promised he performed, but Mr. Brown was rife with promises, which were all forgotten when he got back to Winnipeg. As an instance, a far-

mer here suffered a sore loss two years ago. Mr. Brown came to his aid by promising him the job of cleaning out the river. There ends the help, for he has never got the job yet. As regards his honesty and business capacity, the Pool ditch was paid for by private cheque, instead of govt. cheque, three months before the contract paper came up, with sureties attached, for the carrying out of the work. He took the speaker round the neck at the station a while ago and said, as one has gone back on me and got all the trade, you won't go back on me and we will work the thing. — Mr. Galloway said much more to the same effect, which did not go down very readily with the hon. gentleman.

got rid of him long ago, whom they have used only as a political jackal—witness his Westbourne work—but dared not under his threat of pulling all their house down about their ears; & where is the honor in the attempt to foist himself on a county that does not want him, by bulldozing the voters' list with a horde of pure Indians who are destitute, according to competent authority, even of the first requisite of a voter, self-help?—& who can estimate the additional backsetting to the county, as well as the hurt to themselves, involved in their exercise of the franchise?

(*Editorial*) . . .

Nomination day for Councillors takes place Dec. 7th. We have not heard who is to be the coming man for reeve. Rumor has it that two or three are willing to sacrifice their time and talents for the county's good. The provincial election has something to do with this. But we trust that the electors will pick upon a man who will work for the county's good. There are one or two things that will demand tact, firmness and honesty of purpose before being brought to a proper understanding, among them being the railway's right-of-way through the county. If the projectors of our railway had acted on the idea "haste slowly," the right-of-way wouldn't have caused such a loss of time, worry and expense, while the debentures would not have been such a burning question.

Mr. Gallagher took a carload of cattle away this week.

Mr. A. May has been around on a collection tour for his firm.

Town was quiet during yesterday, though towards night it got busy with people anxious to know the state of the poll.

A big blizzard Sat. forenoon, but fortunately not cold. The weather since has been splendid. Voting Day — yesterday — the snow was thawing.

Our ditches have been flowing with money, not water, as we hear the diggers have been made happy in receiving the marketable dust for the dust they threw out.

MORTON ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE WHITE VOTE

Our opponents have been fairly beaten, which they acknowledged they would consider themselves if Mr. Morton received a majority of the white vote.

This he has received.

We call upon them now to join us in asserting Mr. Morton's right to the seat, for compulsion is laid on every free man within the county, who would not be branded as a lower type of man than the most degraded Hottentot, to see to it that the will of the majority is given effect to.

It is inconceivable and unheard of that the will of outsiders, who have up to now no local stand in the county, having never paid a tax, or shouldered a burden, should be allowed to over-ride theirs who have had, and will continue to have, all to do, in the all-important matter of the choice of a representative.

VOTES POLLED

Morton Brown

Palestine and		
Livingstone	49	19
Golden Stream &		
Silver Stream	—	—
Tupper	42	16
Westbourne	25	38
Sandy Bay	1	43
Manitoba Post	00	00

(*Editorial*) . . .

The meeting on Nomination Day was marked with one good thing, viz., brief speeches.

The three-cornered fight for reeveship was stopped by Mr. W. McKelvy retiring. We heard, incidentally, that it was a great thing for him, as he would have been badly left. The contest will be between the present reeve and Mr. West. We are almost sure that Mr. West will get in, as Mr. Smalley is known to be a Brown man from top to toe, and which he won't deny. Though he is the most capable man we've got, still the county has had too much hurt from "Brown" collusions to have much patience with any more of that color. Also,

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FRIDAY, DEC. 3rd, 1886:

(*Editorial*) . . .

THE TWO MEN

Deeming it almost a work of supererogation to talk to the electors about the kind of man Mr. Morton is, we have thought it wiser hitherto to exhibit his opponent's unfitness for the honorable position of M.P.P. by referring to his outstanding acts as our representative.

In concluding our labors we now, in brief, contrast them.

First, as to their occupation.

The most charitable construction that can be put on Mr. Brown's course can only convict him of belonging to that most pestilent class of any community, but doubly so in a new one, who scheme their way.

Mr. Morton on the other hand is a farmer. By the unremitting expenditure for years of honest exertion in that capacity he laid the foundation of the regard he is now held in, and today he is not only one of our most successful but also one of our more advanced farmers.

Their political creed.

Mr. Brown, if he is anything, was up to a late day a New Brunswick liberal, whatever that means. Only the desire to give him a fair hearing kept the writer from cramming back down his throat the bare-faced lie he uttered at his meeting here in Gladstone when he claimed to be an upholder of the national policy of Sir John A. Macdonald, for he worked in the endeavour to elect Mr. Caxton against Mr. Ryan when the N.P. was the direct issue. He

now claims to be a conservative, though he did his best to thwart the action of Sir John in following out, so far as this Northwest is concerned, his policy of "Canada for the Canadians" by bringing his executive influence to bear on the project of letting in a rival of the C.P.R. from the States to further No. 1.

Mr. Morton was an old country English conservative and identified himself with the same party here until it came in conflict with what he believed to be the interests of our province. He is now a provincial rights man in local politics, going further even than ourselves in standing by every plank in that platform.

The outcome of these 12 yrs. work:

Contrast the fair promise, which it only requires to be set right to soon begin even yet to redeem, which our county gave of being one of the banner counties of the province, when Mr. Brown assumed direction of its affairs, with what it is today.

For with every concession to the hurtful effect of second-home-steading and minor causes we lay the blame at the door of his personal grab, first, and incapacity second, of the present state — a not yet ceased from depopulating county, a scattered, pecked and well-nigh discouraged husbandry, a paralyzed town, with even some of its legitimate trade seeking other channels, of unsavory name.

LOCALS

Mr. Haydin's wife and family arrived here from Emerson this week.

Nomination day for Councillors Tuesday, December 7th.

We hear that the papers do not go to Manitoba Lake. We have mailed them regularly. Postmasters please notice.

Politicians are all the rage these times, even town affairs getting the go-by. The Citizens' Committee should have met last week to do some necessary business, but the advocacy of Mr. Brown's cause in Golden Stream last week led to its slipping out of the caller's memory.

Written on everything he has put his hand to, except his surveying business, which gave him his start here, can be read in capital letters—"Blank Failure"! Even his honor made light of because it is an open secret, acknowledged by friends as well as foes, that his colleagues would have been only too glad to have

FRIDAY, DEC. 10th, 1886:

The town was crowded on nomination day for councillors.

votes. We thought he was too high-minded, and spurned the idea of accepting anything for voting his honest convictions. If he had set his face against them he would have saved hundreds of dollars to the county and then lessened the expenses of the executive. While not objecting to men getting work, we say that if we could get so much pay for our work in such short time as some of them have done, we would be inclined to think that good times have come with a burst upon us. If we had belonged to his ticket and our bill been between \$300 & \$400, instead of what it is, as we heard lately it was, we would not have heard a whisper against it in that quarter. We might say more but refrain at present. Whether we get the work or not, it won't prevent us raising our voice against any wrong-doing. We have stood up in the old country for our rights against greater odds than either he or his clique can command. Such opposition just stiffens our Scotch backbone.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17th, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

THE WHITE REJECTED THE RED RETURNED(?)

In view of the adverse vote polled against him last Thursday by the electorate of Westbourne we await with much interest, though no anxiety, the result of Mr. Brown's calm reflection on the matter.

No honourable man should for a moment hesitate on the course to be pursued—the only one "that he can—to retire.

He has been fairly and squarely rejected by the constituency, notwithstanding the unprecedented come one, come all, ditching solicitations—so different from the close ditching of former days—held during the last few mos., which notoriously have been instrumental in turning many, irrespective of party, right round to support him, and which the pushers of his interests with genuine disregard for what was expected of them not only did not frown down but actually took stock in! For hundreds of dollars of public money have been bare-facedly spent in this attempt to bulldoze the constituency into supporting him, for work which otherwise there was no pressing need and for no work if there's any truth in the stories circulating of some having made a boast of it that they cleared \$50.00 in these hard times by ditching, inside of a fortnight.

But should he persist in the attempt to retain the position solely by means of the red vote, besides the added obliquity, what hope is there of success in it?

For though no lawyer and less a law-maker would set such a precedent as introducing men into all our highest privileges before responsible groundwork of incorporation into the county has been laid, appears to strike at the very root of our constitutional rights. What white men have ever been so treated? The menace of our higher white civilization, if we are to live here, affords further weighty reason for prompt and complete overturn of his return.

The seat is Mr. Morton's, and he must have it.

Morton has a clear majority of the white vote.

A still larger majority of the tax-payers.

A still larger yet of the resident tax-payers.

These are positive facts and we defy contradiction.

Brown's supporters say "No," but if any of them have any money to lose on this, every opportunity will be offered them of doing so.

LOCALES

McGregor's Sunday School social will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th.

County Court Dec. 23rd.

We call attention to the notice of a pony lost.

There will be a service in Andrews' Hall Xmas morning at 11:30.

Grain is coming in freely. 50c is being paid for No. 1 Northern. Messrs. McQueen & Burpee are buying: also Williams and Esson.

A tea will be held in the Soudan schoolhouse on Friday, Dec. 24. Adm., adults 25c; children 15c. We cannot commend this too highly, seeing that the proceeds are to go to Rev. W. Murdin, a gentleman who is willing to spend himself in his Master's service.

Last Friday morning Mr. Brown and friends—both from Winnipeg and here—celebrated their "gory" victory with a recherche dejeuner. Pots of yellow ochre, carmine & blue, with a few hen feathers, were artificially carved round the heavily-laden grunting board. "Ugh! Ugh!" the rafters echoed back to the joyous shouts of the natives as they adorned the face & head of the modest and skilled-in-cunning chief who had balked and "Satan-like" - "the end justifies the means" - installed his subtlety of reasoning into their white brothers' ear and so gained their cause. The paint and feathers will be kept by the chief as an heirloom to show his descendants what an ignoble red man their ancestor was. "Ich

dien." —From our Jay-Ai-See Parterre.

Railroaders from east & west migrated to town last week to poll their votes for their respective candidates. The town has settled down to its usual. The usual amount of "spirits free as air" were indulged in to let all parties cool off. A celebration of the election event took place next day with a tableau of acts in which the actors preserved the utmost good humor. A barrel was improvised from which an orator with coat off declaimed in terse language his opinion of things in general and nothing in particular, being interspersed "here and there" with succulent fervor of dislike or agreement to the speaker's remarks by the happy crowd. Another brought down the house, not the barrel, by his choice songs. The smoke from the various mouth guns caused a halo of color to curl and twist above the heads of its devotees continuously in fantasy free as the ceiling would permit. What with the sententious remarks, laughing, singing, etc., under the artistic wreaths, the reaction of a keen political contest was let down easily.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24th, 1886:

((Editorial)) . . .

OVATION TO T. L. MORTON

The County's Representative

It demands prominent reference to it here, the spontaneous whole-souled and enthusiastic answer that the call to do honor to T. L. Morton, the county's successful standard-bearer in our late election contest, met with the electorate last Friday evening, some almost entire families even coming long distances to testify to his well-earned title to the recognition. — No such single-minded crowd has ever sat down to any Gladstone spread, the perfect accord prevailing throughout affording convincing demonstration of the existence of the spirit common to every free and independent being, which has been only lurking, but is now fully aroused, to do battle as one man in defence of our rights, so well calculated to strike terror into the hearts of the anti-county apostate element and their following. . . .

((Editorial)) . . .

MORE LIGHT ON WRONG-DOING

At the supper in honor of Mr. Morton last Friday, Mr. Cory, the then-warden of the county, gave the following authoritative pointer to the kind of concern the council had found the Portage & Westbourne Railway to have been, the bonusing of which has so heavily handicapped the county in the past, and will continue to unless we can obtain redress; which sheds a little further light on Mr. Brown's adeptness at

misrepresentation. According to him the "nameless company" who started the line were Messrs. Brown, Davidson (ex-M.P.P.) & Mr. Sanford, who though a solid man, had made his wealth by dint of too much hard work to risk much of it in such a venture. But to obtain the co-operation of the councils he gave out that they were only acting for such weighty men as Sir Hugh and Andrew Allan, Peter Redpath, Paton J. C. McDonald and the Earl of Airlie, the fact being, which afterwards came to light, that not one of these men had a single cent's worth of stake in the undertaking. ((A great deal of history, most of it concerning the railway, has been revealed in the election battles, most of it by Editor Moodie.—It should be noted that Mr. Morton is the son-in-law of Mr. T. Cory, Sr.)).

NOTICE

Mr. Morton would be glad if every one having an account for work against the municipality of Westbourne, would come to Gladstone and get the same settled before the 1st of Jan. 1887.

LOCALES

Court Day yesterday.
Tomorrow, Christmas.

The Methodist have a Xmas Tree celebration tonight.

We hear that Mr. Green, a wheat buyer, is in town.

Yesterday the English Church held its bazaar and lunch table. Their concert is to be held on Tuesday evening.

McGregor Debating Society: The debate two weeks ago on, "Whether a dirty, good-natured wife is better than a clean, ill-natured one," made for a lively session, and quite a lot of laughter. The speakers, all boys but one, handled their sides in as able a manner as if they had had a lot of experience. The domestic household was torn pretty well upside down, the dirt being pretty well exposed on the one side and the ill-nature on the other. Decision was given in favor of a dirty, good-natured wife. There was a fair attendance. Last Friday night's subject: "Resolved that whiskey does more harm to man than tobacco," was ably handled by the several speakers. Tobacco gained the unenviable notoriety of doing more harm than whiskey. The next debate will be held on Friday, the 7th of January, the subject for debate being, "Resolved that man will do more for love than fear." Captain for the affirmative side, John Milne; for the negative, John Duff. The members of the society wish to inform the Wpg. Press that they are not limited to choosing wives from the dirty, good-natured, nor from the clean, cross-tempered

class, and then only debated the subject for the benefit of some of the editors of that paper whose choice are so circumscribed.

Wheat is being shipped in earnest now. From 50 to 52c is about the price.

We are getting a cold snap now but all in all the weather is just "splendiferous" for this time of year. A little snow would make things a little more lively, as the roads are "betwixt and between."

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all. There will be no paper next week, as the P.D. is going on a circumambulatory peregrinative parabolical (not diabolical), excursion into the country. So long!

Last Wednesday was the shortest day. To a casual observer there will be very little difference till about the 12th of January. Likely it will be colder, for "while the day lengthens, the cauld strengthens."

Since election time our "birds of passage" have flown homewards. "Thou art so dear, but yet so far, ling'ring like a star to guide us through the lonely, gruesome night, but leav'st us to paddle our own canoe through the daylight's worry and battle, when most we need thy sustaining, helpful care." Oh, Ichabod! It's too bad.

This is one of the most criminal acts the Norquay govt. committed: first, to create municipalities and then let them run and go head and ears into debt. We need a strong hand to guide and save us from the demagogues who usually "air their blatant bosh" when any new plan is originated. It we had had restrictive municipal laws against borrowing we would not now be sorrowing.

"The strenuous efforts to defeat Mr. Brown failed most miserably. The most disgraceful attempt was made to influence the white vote against him by misrepresenting the character of the voters along Lake Manitoba, all of whom were designated as Indians; but in spite of this Mr. Brown secured a majority in Westbourne county, altogether apart from the votes at Sandy Bay and Manitoba Post."—"The Manitoban."

This paragraph reminds us of Toole in his inimitable delineation of the "Artful Dodger." It's so cunning in its mendacity that it dazes one's imagination to read it. Toole could have had no show with such political transformer. "The Manitoban" is worthy of a niche in the hall of fame, above which might be inscribed the legend, "Here rests the greatest political acrobat, prevaricator & professor of polite literature that Manitoba in her youthful days ever knew."

CRASHING THE PARTY

((The following appeared at the bottom of the "Ovation to Mr. Morton." We include it now to fill out the page)).

Nobody grudged their hungry crowd the little oyster (or rather 'ice-ster' supper, from its freeze-out developments) provided them by way of counter-demonstration the same evening, as all such have been by their man's bounty, if not from a less righteous source, and we would have been well enough contented to have given in another place only the passing notice it deserved, had the free-feed satisfied them. But no, Ananias and his kind here must show how deeply our demonstration had cut, by a sorry, belittling effort in the columns of "The Manitoban." In perfect keeping with the same spirit was the intrusion of the party, who had provided the supper into our crowd at a late hour, which can only be accounted for by the state of partial paralysis the oysters had induced. The completion of the work was instantaneous; in being brought face to face, which he was, with the scroll of Mr. Morton's fame bearing the legend, "Honor Mr. T. L. Morton, elected by 19 majority - 19 RESPONSIBLE VOTERS."

A SMALL REFLECTION

Another "slow" year will soon be away among the records of the past, with its full witness bearing to the folly of the mad rate and way of former going, but it's a firm accentuation of all who tried it, of the power in real work to mend or make over again marred individual or corporate fortune.

It has been all through the history of the race, the conceit of the generation that is, to reckon themselves a trifle wiser than the one immediately preceding, which has ever provoked the attempt to dodge the original curse pronounced upon all flesh. "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return into the dust, from which thou was taken," but all the superior power of wriggling acquired has never once availed to elude the inexorable law.

Our wriggling days as a province are happily well ended and the full tide of working power that again — — — carry us all our further way more surely, safely and honorably, for "working and waiting" is all that is required to sooner or later not only retrieve all the lost ground but to break new. ((In this brief editorial it would seem that Editor Moodie is mistaken into believing the Liberals have assumed power in the province. This is not so; Mr. Morton has to wait another two years before he goes to the Legislature)).



Gladstone School - Grade One Class - 1959

1—Donaldda Dewar.
2—Robert Kennedy.
3—Kenneth Holmes.
4—Verna Pohl.
5—Bernice George.
6—Kenneth Gregory.
7—Grant Morrison.
8—Kenneth Kinley.

9—Heather McNichol.
10—Ross Stewart.
11—Leon Schellenberg.
12—Wendy Holt.
13—Ernest Tester.
14—Gordon Smith.
15—Helen Milne.
16—Reggie Smith.

17—Larry Gessner.
18—Bonnie Grove.
19—Gregory.
20—Tim Jordens.
21—Anita Goodmanson.
22—Kerry Serbin.
23—Bobby Thomson.
24—Brad Gardiner.

33—Helen Broadfoot, teacher.
25—Valerie Otto.
26—Melvin Kerr.
27—Yvonne Innis.
28—Kerry MacLennan.
29—(not known).
30—Lynne McDonald.
31—Beth Branson.
32—Rosemary Campbell.